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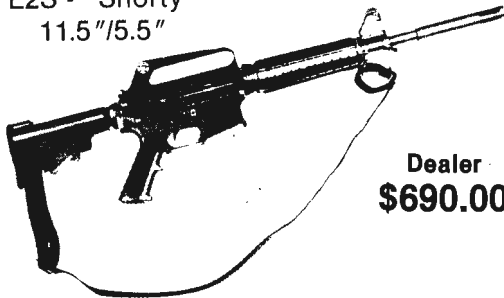
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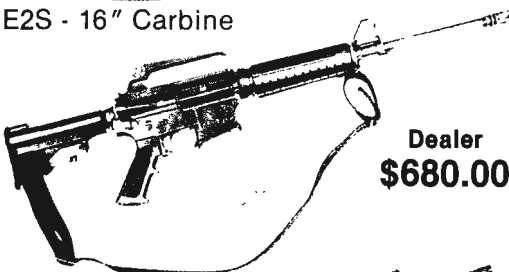
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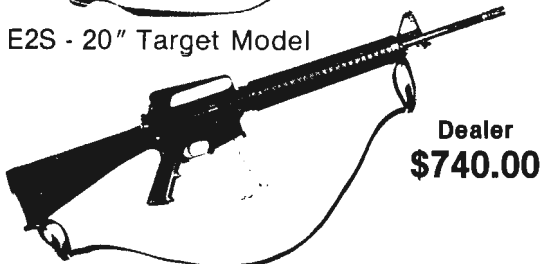
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## What's "Proportionate Response" for Terrorism?

When the Clinton administration graced Saddam Hussein's intelligence headquarters with a flight of cruise missiles in late June, it took pains to point out that the raid was staged at night in order to minimize the loss of life.

Doesn't that strike you as odd? Of all the people in Iraq who you would think the American government would want dead, other than Saddam Hussein himself, the leadership element of Iraqi intelligence — the thugs who keep Saddam in power — ought to be at the top of the list. One would think the ideal time to attack their headquarters would be when everybody was at the office — on pay day, for instance, which was when Israel hit Arafat's headquarters in Tripoli a few years ago. As it was, Clinton's people probably did no more than dispatch the night duty officer and the charwoman.

This, nevertheless, was considered a "proportionate response" for an Iraqi attempt on the life of George Bush when he visited Kuwait. Well, Saddam didn't succeed in killing Bush, and Clinton doesn't appear to have killed anyone of importance in retaliation, so perhaps there was a rough proportionality at play.

One wonders, however, what would have constituted a proportionate response in the eyes of the Clinton administration had the parishioners of Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, the blind Egyptian cleric who has sought sanctuary in this country while at the same time cursing its name, succeeded in bringing down one of the towers at the World Trade Center last February — in which case as many as 50,000 people could have died, roughly as many people as died in the atomic

bombing of Nagasaki? And one wonders if an administration that bombs at night, not to achieve surprise, but explicitly to avoid killing the enemy, would have had the intestinal fortitude to deliver it?

Make no mistake: Middle East terrorism is not like shit. It doesn't just happen. It is almost always sponsored, and it is almost always done for reasons of state. It verges on the inconceivable that the members of Rahman's flock were planting bombs around Manhattan as a church project. Someone put them up to it. The question is who.

As of this writing it is not clear who Rahman's sponsors are, although the two most likely suspects are Iran and Iraq. Of the two, Iraq has the better motive, especially if it can make it appear that the Iranians are really responsible. Still, it is not hard to believe that the bombings are consistent with the perverted logic of the Iranian theocracy.

What is certain, however, is that the World Trade Center bombing and the attempt on the United Nations, the Lincoln and Holland tunnels, and the FBI's New York offices constituted acts of war. What is also clear is that the Clinton administration is choosing to ignore that fact, if not deliberately conceal it, presumably in the hope that it will not have to deliver a truly appropriate response.

This is, unfortunately, hardly unprecedented. Both the Reagan and the Bush administrations, and the Carter administration before them, pretended that acts of war such as the bombing of the Marine barracks in Beirut, the downing of Pan Am Flight 103, the blowing up of Ameri-

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## JURY OF WEAVER'S PEERS REBUKES GOVERNMENT

After 19 days of deliberation, the jury in the Randy Weaver/Kevin Harris trial in Idaho acquitted both defendants on charges of murder in the death of Deputy U.S. Marshal William Degan. Harris is a free man; at this writing Weaver remains in custody, convicted of two minor charges related to his failure to appear at a trial on alleged 1991 gun violations. The decision is widely viewed as a solid rebuke of the government's case, and there have been calls from numerous quarters that federal agents be tried for murder in the death of Weaver's 14-year-old son (shot in the back), and Weaver's wife Vicki (shot by a government sniper in the door of her home with a baby in her arms).



*SOF* ski team prepares to strike (or fall!) again. Top left to right, *SOF* publisher Robert K. Brown, Col. Mike Peck USA (Ret.), Maj. Mike Williams; bottom left to right, Mike McPike, Maj. Bob MacKenzie and Dale Fields. Skis of choice: Volant; attire: weird. For info on *SOF* ski week write: *SOF* Ski Week, Box 693, Boulder, CO 80306. Come ski with us and kick some (or fall on some) butt. Photo: Summit Photography

## SALVADOR VET UPDATE

Efforts to see combat recognition extended to forces who served in El Salvador are continuing: The Veterans of Special Operations (VSO) organization has turned its attention toward Congress for a resolution of the matter. According to the VSO's national coordinator, Mr. Greg Walker, no more time will be spent in conference with either the Secretary of Defense or DoD, as, "Both these offices have made it very clear they will obstruct any effort to see proper recognition authorized."

In June 1993, the DoD authorized an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM) for those serving in Somalia. Yet according to the VSO, DoD sources had earlier stated that a similar medal was not considered for El Salvador service, due to that mission's "humanitarian relief" status. Andy Messing of the National Defense Council noted that an AFEM is deserved when American service personnel are killed violently while serving overseas. "Americans died in

combat in Somalia, and Americans died in combat in El Salvador. There is no reason an AFEM shouldn't be awarded to the veterans of El Salvador," Messing concludes.

*SOF* readers who would like to lend their voices in support of the VSO in its quest for combat recognition of El Salvadoran vets may do so by writing Sen. Sam Nunn, Senate Armed Services Committee, Senate Russell Building No. 222, Washington, DC 20510

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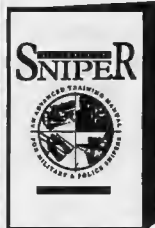
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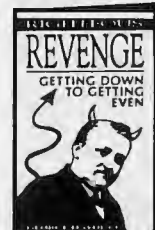
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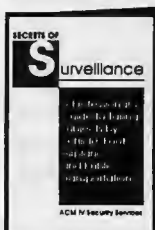
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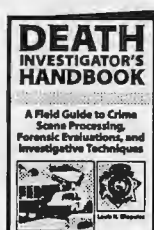
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*Combat Use Of The Double-Edged Fighting Knife* is published by Paladin Press, Dept. SOF, Box 1307, Boulder, CO 80306, and makes a good companion piece for the A-F knife.

### **RRI AIDS KARENS**

A medical team led by RRI Medical Director John Peters, M.D., and RRI VP/Operations John Padgett recently returned from the Karen-liberated area on the Burma-Thailand border. The Karens have recently taken many casualties from combat and landmines, so the timing was good and the team very well-received. The team performed several life-saving surgeries, treated numerous patients, distributed donated medical supplies and gave classes on sanitation, first aid, and even minefield mapping and identification. Prosthetic inventor Tim Albaugh taught the latest techniques to the Karen artificial-leg makers and much more.

RRI needs your donations to continue the effort to help the Karens, and in other parts of the world. Checks, low-tech medical equipment and medical supplies that don't need to be locked up or refrigerated should be sent to:

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### **WE WOULD HAVE HAD A SCOOP BUT...**

A little background on our report on the FBI's working paper on gun control as reported in Command Guidance in the September issue of *SOF*...

In late June, a confidential source provided us with the above FBI memo. On, or about, 30 June, *SOF* called the FBI regarding the validity/accuracy of the memo. The FBI "refused to confirm or deny..."

so *SOF* contacted one of the three major newsweeklies who then also queried the FBI. Late in the afternoon of Friday, 2 July, the FBI confirmed the document to the newsweekly. The newsweekly was going to credit *SOF* for breaking the story in their issue appearing 5 July.

Our source then decided, for reasons unknown, that he wanted to embargo the document until 7 July. *SOF* had no option but to ask the newsweekly to hold until their 12 July issue. In turn, *SOF* agreed to hold off on its press release until 12 July — which we did.

The FBI, obviously knowing the cat was out of the bag, initiated damage control efforts by issuing a press release on 6 July which was picked up by *The New York Times*. So we were denied our scoop.

Some authorities think the memo was endorsed by former FBI Director Sessions in order to ingratiate himself with Slick Willie. One might suggest that it is fortunate we exposed this plot and forced the FBI to fess up now rather than having the FBI come out in support of gun control the day before a vote in Congress on major anti-gun legislation.

### **THE BEST 29 CENTS YOU EVER SPENT**

Here's the bargain of the month: Bearing in mind the adage "Know your enemy," send a polite note to Handgun Control, Inc., 1225 Eye Street NW, Washington, DC 20006, and ask for any literature they may care to share with you which explains their thoughts on gun control. For your 29-cent investment, you'll get some insight as to what they're up to. It'll also cost them a couple of bucks in printed materials and labor to elucidate you. Now if a few million gun owners did this ...

### **OP SAVE SARAJEVO: SCAM OR SAVIORS?**

One of the more interesting phone messages we've heard recently is the following: "We are a privately financed combat unit staffed with former enlisted men and women from the Vietnam, Grenada and Desert Storm operations. Our mission is to neutralize Serbian artillery attacking Sarajevo. If you qualify as a freedom fighter, you will be

given three weeks of training, one week of combat, \$10,000 pay and all expenses, weapons and ammo."

Well, since most of the "mercs" in Bosnia are making maybe \$10 a month, we figured this must be one upscale operation. So we left a message on the machine after the beep. A Ron Pettiford called us back on 29 July and identified himself as the PR guy for OSS. Some excerpts from RKB's chat with Ron:

**RKB:** *Your organization must be well-financed to make such an offer. Can you tell us about your backing?*

**RP:** We're backed by wealthy individuals from Texas and Fortune 500 companies, and I really can't get into specifics.

**RKB:** *Taking out artillery is a tough mission. What kind of training are you doing for this?*

**RP:** I really can't get too specific. We do have training bases in Virginia and Vermont. I know that all of the freedom fighters are combat veterans.

**RKB:** *Well, your message stated that three weeks of training were involved. What's involved in those three weeks?*

**RP:** Refresher-type training, mostly, like what a football team would do before going to the Superbowl. With a variety of weapons, AK-47s, M16s.

**RKB:** *Does this weapons training involve, for example, marksmanship training?*

**RP:** Well, I have seen targets, for the machine guns. Those were maybe 40 yards away.

**RKB:** *That's pretty close for machine gun training. How far were the targets for the M16s?*

**RP:** Those were the M16s, the machine guns.

Well, you get the idea. These guys sure aren't dealing from a full deck. As we go to press on 30 July, we haven't quite figured out what variety of scam this is, but stay tuned. Meanwhile, if you want to get the info for yourself, their number is 202-973-2145.

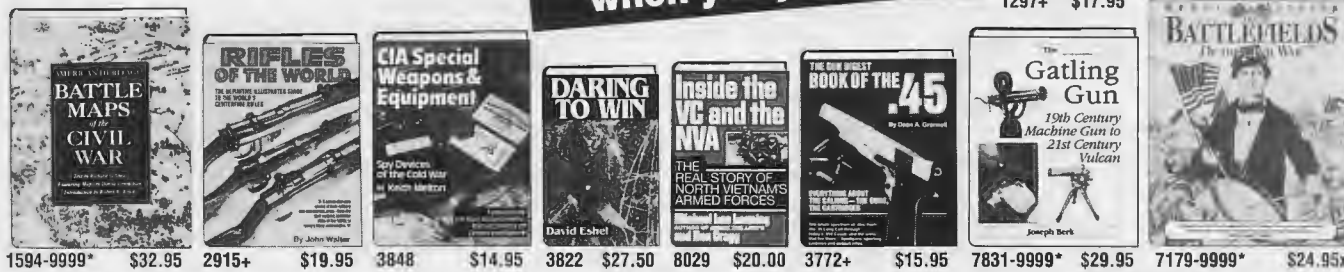
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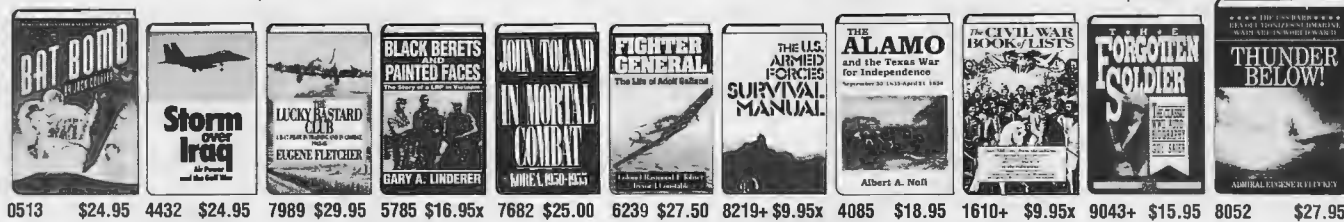
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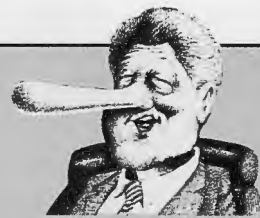
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## CHICKEN SLICK CHRONICLES

Now *here's* one to go with your morning coffee: *Chicken Slick Chronicles*. Thanks to our First Amendment (you remember, the one that guarantees you can think what you want and say what you think), the most remarkable reaction to those temporarily in the White House has been to turn contrarian newsletters into a growth industry. Some are really good and some are so-so. Here's one of the really good ones:

Hitting the streets (and the nail on the head) nine times a year for only \$20, *Chicken Slick Chronicles* also has a special gift subscription rate of only \$16, in case you want to exhibit largess to a conservative friend or drive a lefty-wingy friend bonkers (and this'll *do* it!). Ahh, Voltaire would be proud! Subscriptions to *Chicken Slick Chronicles*, Dept. SOF, 576 Aztec Dr., Boulder, CO 80303.

## CLINTON QUARTERLY

For those of you who can only stand examining the foibles of the White House four times a year, we recommend the *Clinton Quarterly*. Available from Distributech, Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 3073, Chapel Hill, NC; 27514; fax: 919-933-1335. The *Quarterly* features "jokes and facts not even Rush Limbaugh can tell you," and a subscription will bring you a bumper sticker of your choice. Stuff like: How does Al Gore spell potato? *T-A-T-E-R*. What's the difference between Bill Clinton and Jane Fonda? *Fonda went to Vietnam*. What was the real purpose of Clinton's student trip to Moscow?

*To study economics*. What's Clinton's plan to create thousands of small businesses? *Take thousands of big businesses, and wait four years ...*

## HEALTH CARE A LA ARKANSAS

As we go to press, Clinton's nominee for Surgeon General is from his home state. We contacted the Arkansas Surgeon General's office for a comment and were told that medicine in Arkansas is "pretty much the same as medicine anywhere else, except for terminology." We were curious how terminology might be different in a Third World state, and they were kind enough to forward the following lexicon:

- ARTERY: the study of paintings
- BACTERIA: rear entrance to cafeteria
- BOWEL: a letter like a, e, i, o, u
- CAUTERIZE: made eye contact with her
- DILATE: to live long
- ENEMA: not a friend
- FESTER: opposite of slower
- GENITAL: other than Jewish
- IMPOTENT: worthy of attention
- MORBID: a higher offer
- NITRATES: cheaper than day rates
- NODE: was aware of
- OUTPATIENT: person who fainted
- POSTOPERATIVE: a letter carrier
- RECTUM: dang near killed him
- SEIZURE: Roman emperor
- TABLET: a small table
- TUMOR: an additional two
- URINE: opposite of "yer out"
- VARICOSE: nearby
- X-RAY: adults only

## READ THIS

If those of you who have had a vague feeling that the Clintons weren't to be trusted want to feel like a dog who finally caught a car,

we recommend the book *SECRET - FBI Documents Link Bill & Hillary Clinton to Marxist-Terrorist Network*. Written by former intelligence officer David M. Price, this carefully researched (and fully footnoted)

tome will chill your blood. You'll probably go from being peeved and patriotic to bummed out and blood-boiling mad. Why did Hillary dole \$20,000 to the *Christic Institute*? Why did Hillary dole another \$5,000 to the *Committee in Support of the People of El Salvador (CISPES)*? What are their documentable links to the flaming-red Institute for Policy Studies?

Send \$10 to Sunset Research Group, Dept. SOF, 608 N. West St., #236, Wichita, KS 67203, and ask for the book by name.

## NEWSPEAK, NOSPEAK AND BILLARY SPEAK

Orwell told of *Newspeak* or the art of saying one thing and meaning another — but we're witnessing a totally new art form from the Presidential Partner, which appears to be the art of not saying anything at all. To wit:

*We have to first create a language that would better communicate what we are trying to say, and the policies would flow from that language* (quoted in *New York Times Magazine*). You think she's kidding? Look at the following:

*I don't know; I don't know. I don't have any coherent explanation. I hope one day to be able to stop long enough actually to try to write down what I mean, because it's important to me that I try to do that, because I have floated around the edges of this and talked about it for many, many years with a lot of people, but I've never ... really tried to get myself organized enough to do it.* (quoted in *New York Times Magazine*). Frankly, we can't imagine any kind of politics "flowing from" this kind of language. Wonder what she was talking about there ...

*There's something more important than having prudent purchasers, and that's called getting reelected in four years.* (quoted by unnamed source in *Los Angeles Times*, regarding taxing health benefits). Well, I guess we can understand that. ☒



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## .0065% COMPLIANCE RATE

I am writing to share the results of New Zealand's farcical new gun laws with your readers. In our nation of 3 million people, over 400,000 are shooters. As a result of a recent amok killing (caused by criminal negligence on the part of our police), gun owners like myself must pay for our third licensing system in less than 10 years.

However, all is not going as planned. Despite police wasting over \$700,000 on advertising alone, only 26 shooters have complied. Police have been forced to extend the deadline for licensing, have dropped their slick propaganda and are now openly threatening shooters with raids on their homes!

But we are standing together and with an election around the corner our parliament is starting to reconsider its actions.

Mike Loder  
Auckland, New Zealand

## HOLIDAY INN RUINS

To: B. Langton, Chairman,  
Holiday Inns Worldwide

Ordinarily, this would be a letter of outraged complaint. I was a guest at your hotel in Sarajevo, Bosnia, June 20-22, 1993, and must say that the accommodations, meals and service were below the usual Holiday Inn standards. The four top floors of the building were burned out, which was most unsightly. The window in my room had been shot out, making it impossible to control the temperature or block out the street noises (mostly small arms and machine-gun fire, but also the occasional explosion from incoming mortar and artillery fire). Both the running water, none of it hot, and the electricity were not available, except at certain intervals.

After a local was shot by a sniper 50 meters from the front of your establishment, I canceled my jogging, thus degrading my physical fitness program. This was

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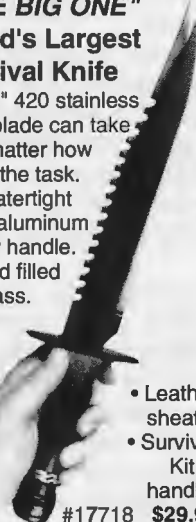


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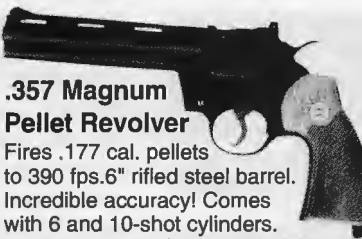
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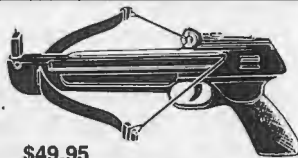
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one of the other guests found shell fragments in his meat.

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Robert K. Brown  
Editor/Publisher *SOF*

### POODLES ARE WAR DOGS!

My dog, Pierre, has a bone to pick with you about the recent Bulletin Board item "Slick and Sensitive" (*SOF*, Aug. '93). He wants to know if "K9 units will include optional poodles" is meant to imply that poodles are a deviant breed and/or effeminate.

Pierre, French for "Rock," is a Royal Standard Poodle, a descendant of the war dogs and hunters used in Germany and France since ancient times. He stands 24 inches at the shoulders and weighs about 70 pounds. My "boss" at USSOCOM has dubbed him the "Special Ops Poodle."

So don't think that a "pretty" top knot means the wearer doesn't have a bite. Berets are "pretty" headgear too.

Joseph L. Crivelli  
Hicksville, New York

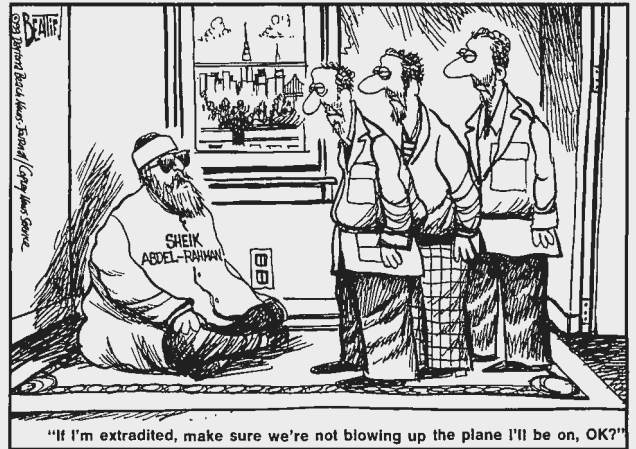
### APCs ARE TANKS

I recently read "Blundering Inferno" (*SOF* July '93) and think this article is excellent except for one blatantly inaccurate statement. The author states that "not even during the deadly Kent State anti-war riot or the Los Angeles riots did the federal government send tanks against its own citizens..." As a veteran of both Vietnam and Kent State University, I can assure you that APCs were indeed deployed at Kent State.

Perhaps Mr. Pate is not old enough to remember 4 May 1970, but for whatever reason he is obviously ignorant of the facts, even though informative and factual documentation is available; I would be happy to provide him with such.

Alan Morris  
Ft. White, Florida

*I'll buy the bit about poodles being war dogs, but APCs are not tanks. The generally accepted definition of a tank is a "heavily armed and armored combat vehicle." The 50+ ton tracked vehicles with the 10 meter long barrels, called M1 Abrams by some of us ignorant types, and the M728s (modified M60s) brought to Waco from Ft. Hood are tanks, APCs are not. Like the article said, no tanks were used against civilians at Kent State or in Los Angeles. I would be happy to send you documentation of what a tank looks like. — T.S.*



### WHEN'S A LIC NOT A LIC

I was deployed to Honduras from 7 January to 15 April 1992 and want to comment on the article "Shot Down By SouthCom" (*SOF*, June '93). The land-based electronic intercept sites mentioned are located at Tacan Hill and at the top of Tiger Island Hill in the Gulf of Fonseca. These sites are manned by U.S. Embassy teams; the physical security is provided by infantrymen (not only SF). At the time of our deployment a terrorist group attacked a Honduran marine base in the town of Amapala, a few clicks from our site, killing eight Honduran marines.

Three days later my squad was on guard duty. I was in Tower One, when at about 1800 a single engine Cessna-type plane started to fly around us, getting closer with every lap. After several laps the plane headed toward a Nicaraguan island in the gulf.

Two weeks later we were assigned a routine recon patrol on the hills overlooking the compound. During our return we approached a peasant working the land, and after a short conversation he stated that he had seen us last night on one of our patrols and that some of his stockpiled corn was missing. The thing is, we did not have a patrol out the night before and we definitely didn't steal his corn.

There's a lot SouthCom is not telling and I hope this information helps support the fact that there is obviously low intensity hostile action going on in Central America. So give our guys the recognition they undoubtedly deserve.

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## United Kingdom

Announcing long-term cordon, police seal off most roads leading into London's congested financial district in effort to monitor traffic and head off further IRA attacks through bombs planted in cars or trucks. Some protesters complain of unreasonable police searches ...

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## Russia

Under U.S. pressure, Russia halts planned sales to India of equipment/technology likely used to make ballistic missiles. Moscow has argued it must sell military hardware for hard currency. Waiving economic sanctions against Russian firms, U.S. holds out prospect of joint space projects with Moscow, while seemingly ignoring massive arms deliveries to China, who may in turn export weapons to the Third World. Moscow's India contract dated from before Soviet Union's downfall ...

Defecting senior Russian biologist claims military has proceeded in developing bacteria strain — capable of wiping out tens of thousands of people in one week — despite Russian September '92 announcement that such programs were discontinued. Biologist's statements concur with reported CIA conclusions ...

President Yeltsin denounces parliamentary approval of resolution asserting Russian sovereignty over Crimean port of Sevastopol in Ukraine, home to 350-ship Black Sea fleet recently divided between Russia and Ukraine. Ukrainian leaders say little in response to vote, since Yeltsin's supporters oppose it ...

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## Georgia

Abkhazian separatists defy Georgia's ultimatum, continue siege and shelling on city of Sukhumi, yet government balks on threatened counter-attack against Abkhazian stronghold of Gudauta ...

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## Nigeria

Rioters by the thousands pour through sprawling capital city of Lagos, looting and burning shops, setting buses ablaze and sealing off business district. Unrest stems from ruling military's decision to void results of June elections that would have restored civilian rule. Responding police confront violence only when they feel personally threatened, firing tear gas from helicopters or on ground. Election victor Moshood Abiola addresses crowds, urging calm. Military leader Gen. Ibrahim Babangida has pledged to step down on 27 August ...

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## Israel

Senior officials warn peace talks will not stop retaliation against Syria, accused of backing recent guerrilla attacks on Israeli troops in Lebanon "security zone," killing five, wounding eight. Israel said to have moved extra artillery into southern Lebanon, where pro-Iranian Party of God militants operate; locals expect shelling ...

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## Vietnam

Clinton administration mulling easing trade embargo to allow U.S. businesses to bid on Vietnamese contracts financed with loans from international sources such as World Bank, but no decision firm yet. American vet groups assert no improved relations with Hanoi should occur without complete accounting for 2,260 POW/MIAs from Vietnam War ...

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## North Korea

Iran, Libya and Syria buying Scud-B and Scud-C missiles (capable of nuclear delivery) from North Korea, according to U.S. analysts who believe country also seeks to export new Nodong-1 missile, which can target Israel or parts of Europe from Libya. Weapons technology and know-how also for sale. Libya, Syria pay cash; Iran promises oil. Israel offers country technical assistance if it will halt missile sales in Mideast ...

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### Macedonia

Three hundred American peacekeeping troops arrive in capital city of Skopje to join U.N. effort aimed at preventing spread of Balkan war. Yanks are from 502nd Infantry Regiment based in Berlin. Peacekeepers join some 700 mostly Nordic troops, under U.N. commander Brig. Gen. Finn Saermark Thomsen of Denmark, to help patrol Macedonia's 250-mile border with Serbia and Albania. Serbia and Montenegro have thus far not challenged Macedonia's independence ...

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Serb forces launch heaviest assault in two years on Croats in Karlovac region, also threaten to attack Zagreb with combloc-made FROG missiles. Attack believed in response to Croats building pontoon bridge at town of Maslinica to restore key commerce link between Croatia's interior and Adriatic coastal ports, resorts ...

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Heavy shelling by Armenian forces on major city of Agdam, aimed at securing disputed area of Nagorno-Karabakh, sets off wave of refugees in the Caucasus. Meanwhile former communist leader Heydar Aliyev returns to power after elected president, Abulfaz Elchibey, flees to south of country. Armenians apparently allowing most civilians to leave homes peacefully before moving in ...

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### Somalia

Security deteriorates in Mogadishu as disunity and squabbling among peacekeeping forces weakens U.N. effectiveness. Combined military operations against warlord Mohammed Farah Aidid fail to undermine his position or effect his capture, while many U.N. troops follow orders from national capitals instead of from U.N. command ...

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17 U.S. Cobra and Black Hawk gunships fire 16 missiles and more than 2,000 rounds of 20mm cannon fire into Aidid's villa command center; mob of angry Somalis retaliate by attacking journalists, killing several and wounding others. Aidid supporters distribute leaflets urging revenge attacks on Americans ...

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### China

Pledging no reoccurrences, China concedes its customs ships violated international maritime law by boarding two Russian ships in anti-smuggling campaign. Several Asian countries have accused Chinese vessels (said to often cruise without official markings) of firing upon or searching their ships illegally in international waters ...

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### Cambodia

Interim government tells Khmer Rouge militants they must surrender their territory and halt attacks before their plan to end civil war is considered. Khmer Rouge offered earlier to turn over command of its 10,000 communist guerrillas and the one-fifth of Cambodia they control in return for advisory position in new government. The U.S. will withhold aid if Khmer rebels are granted role in fledgling government, but American response to advisory role is unclear ...

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### South Korea

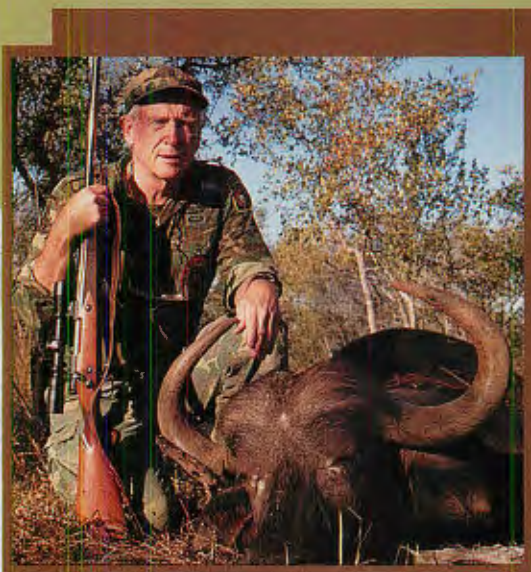
Several military officials arrested as wide-ranging inquiry into South Korean weapons procurement continues; more than 30 senior officers implicated thus far for alleged bribery or kickback schemes. Flap comes at bad time for major American arms suppliers such as Lockheed or General Dynamics, which count on foreign sales to offset shrinking U.S. military purchases ...

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Terrain was mountainous with 80 to 150 feet of double and triple canopy vegetation, and all too frequently the NVA (North Vietnamese Army) had .50s, quad-50s, or even 37mm and 52mm anti-aircraft guns that could reach up and touch us at high altitudes. When troops were in contact they were normally no more than 15 to 50 meters from the enemy, and Special Forces teams were frequently holed up in bomb craters trying to keep the NVA from climbing over the outside edge. Fire support had to be close and surgically accurate, to insure killing bad guys without hurting the good.

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As the war progressed and budgets expanded, ivory-tower generals and mad scientists in their laboratories appeared determined to screw up a fine weapon system by adding bells and whistles that might

Pentagon whiz-kids, technocrats, think tanks, and even general officers appear convinced that high technology in the form of "smart bombs," "artificial intelligence," "computerized command posts," "robotic weapon systems" and even black boxes that override human decisions will eventually turn combat into a neat, clean, bloodless and very impersonal affair. However, as in every past and undoubtedly every future war, U.S. Army combat in Vietnam inevitably boiled down to a soldier-to-soldier, eyeball-to-eyeball, muzzle-to-muzzle confrontation with the enemy. In this situation it always has been and always will be true that superior firepower is far more important than all the high technology, bloodless warfare

gizmos and gadgets ever invented.

Armed helicopter combat in Vietnam was a good example. When possible, it was comfortable to fly above the range of small-arms fire, sit back at 1,000 to 1,200 meters and pick Charlie off with 2.75-inch rockets, or move in slightly closer and anoint him with 4,800 rounds per minute of minigun fire. But in our AO this comfortable option was seldom available.

In 1967-68 the 189th Assault Helicopter Company's "Avenger" guns and "Ghost Rider" slicks operated in the Pleiku-Kontum-Dak To area of Vietnam and the Prairie Fire and Daniel Boone AOs of Laos and Cambodia, where we supported Command and Control Central's cross-border Special Forces teams.

have filled defense contractor pockets but did little to enhance mission accomplishment. During my first tour in 1967-68, particularly during the spring after Tet, a vast array of new devices was sent over for combat evaluations. Several had limited application in specific situations ... and some were more of a threat than Charlie. One of my least favorite — no, let's say it straight — the system I came to absolutely hate, was the "People Sniffer."

According to the book, the XM3 Aircraft Mounted Concealed Personnel Detector was a device designed to detect human beings and their activities when they are hidden from visual observation. If memory serves me right it sensed trace amounts of ammonia given off by the human body. Of course, this required the aircraft carrying the detector to fly very low-level, reasonably straight mission tracks, while the operator in back recorded readings on his map. Frequently, human beings hidden from visual observation objected to being detected and peppered the detector's ass with AK-47 fire.

My first encounter involved providing gun escort for a 4th Infantry Division "sniffer" on a mission southeast of Dak To. We were on strip standby in support of a LRRP (Long Range Recon Patrol) operation when informed just prior to lunch that Division would like us to escort the sniffer. We had lunch with the crew, coordinated communications and got briefed on their search area.

The day was overcast and the lunch eerie. The slick crew was relaxed and conversation normal for two aircrews that have just met, but they seemed to have an aura about them. I am not superstitious, particularly religious, into the occult or supernatural, and hopefully not very many bricks shy of a load, but on this and several subsequent occasions when I experienced the same sensation, people died. Weird but true.

After lunch we took off and joined up with the sniffer, anticipating a boring afternoon. Entering the target area he dropped down low, while we went "hot" on the guns flying in

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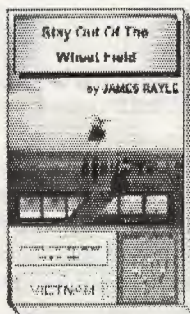
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# BATTLE BLADES

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Anyone who has broken trail through heavy undergrowth probably appreciates the usefulness of a good machete. This traditional long jungle knife works well as a chopping tool in the hands of an unencumbered person, but those loaded with gear often have trouble finding a comfortable way to carry a full-size machete. What is needed is a more compact chopper which doesn't sacrifice cutting ability. For some 200 years the British Gurkha regiment's selection for this job has been the Nepalese kukri.

The strange, point-heavy, concave-curved blade of the kukri greatly increases the mechanical advantage of the chopping stroke. In its homeland, the kukri serves as an all-purpose agricultural and woodworking tool. What brought the knife to the attention of the Western world was its use as a close-combat weapon by the Gurkha soldier: It would be hard to find another 20th century military knife that is close to the kukri for documented kills.

If there is one criticism of the kukri, it might be that in its native form it hasn't kept up with modern materials technology. Nepalese knife makers are strong believers in tradition and seldom see any reason to vary from generations-old materials and techniques. They still forge the kukri on a flat rock, add a

handle of buffalo horn, and sheath it in a leather-covered wood scabbard, with two small utility knives in the back — just as they have for as long as anyone can remember. The old *kamis* (a Hindu knife-making caste) turn out a pretty good blade with what they have, but this doesn't mean that a kukri better suited to Western use can't be created.

Handles on most Nepalese kukris are a little small for the Western hand and buffalo horn is not the most durable of materials. Given their unpredictable sources for steel, kukri blades can vary widely in quality and performance. Modern cutlery steels are more uniform in quality and can be had in stainless alloys. Repeated blade contact often cuts through the traditional wood-and-leather scabbard, which has resulted in injury to unwary users. Civilian Nepalese scabbards are also not well-suited for use with military load-bearing equipment.

One of the first hybrid Western kukris was the Cold Steel (Dept. SOF, 2128-D Knoll Dr., Ventura CA 93003) ATC (All Terrain Chopper). This featured a wide 12-inch, 1/4-inch-thick blade with a comfortable Kraton rubber handle and a nylon sheath. The standard model ATC blade was made from the company's proprietary American

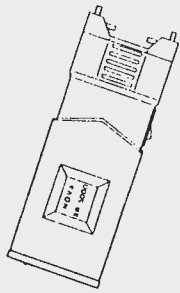
Carbon V steel. There were also a small number of stainless-steel kukris imported from Japan. A few of the early ATCs had problems with the factory edge-geometry and were less than satisfactory cutting tools. Once the proper grind lines were found, Cold Steel's kukri became a truly awesome chopping blade.

During my original evaluation of the knife, I tried a free-hanging rope-cut on a pair of 2-inch diameter manila ropes, bound together with duct tape. A single slash at the bottom 6 inches of the rope completely severed one line and left the second hanging by a few fibers. Each one of these ropes consisted of three 1-inch strands, so the entire bundle was equal to six 1-inch lines. Given the fact many knives won't even go through a single length of standard 1-inch manila, I was quite impressed with the cutting ability of the ATC.

The original ATC was a pricey piece of equipment, running more than \$200. It didn't stay in production very long before it was replaced by the Cold Steel LTC (Light Terrain Chopper). While the newer knife is basically the same design as the ATC, the LTC utilizes plain, off-the-shelf 1/8-inch 1095 carbon steel in the blade. As a result, the knife

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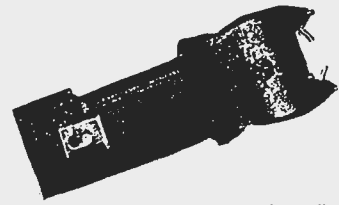


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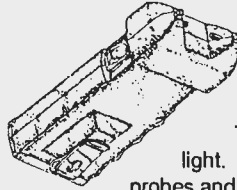
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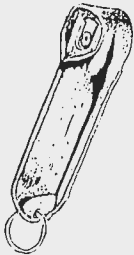
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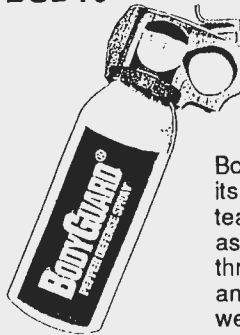
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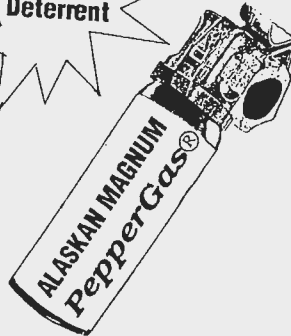
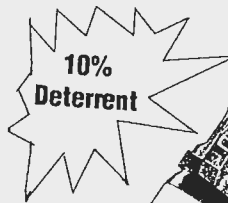
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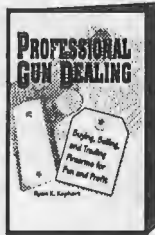
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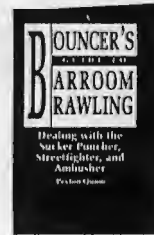


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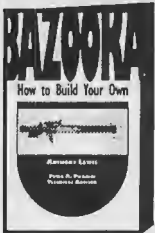


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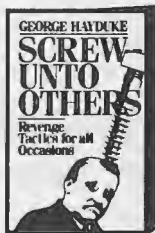
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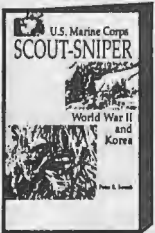


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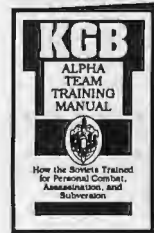


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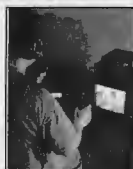
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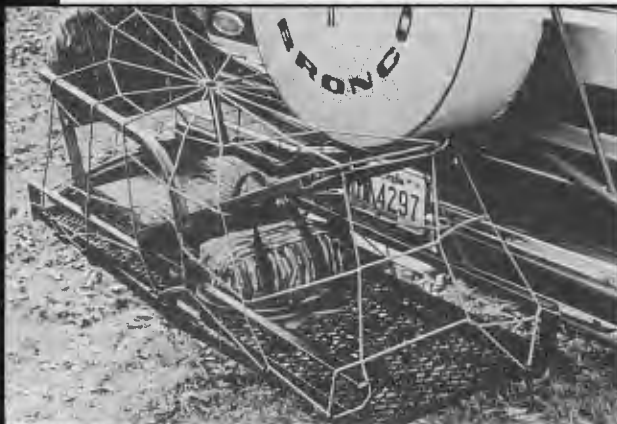
# GEAR ON GEAR FOR '93

## by Galen Geer

Nearly a dozen new products for hunting, camping, shooting and survival were reviewed recently by *SOF's* Outdoor Affairs editor. Here's more top-notch gear for all your favorite open-air pursuits.

### Extra Hauling Room

When you're not pulling a trailer but need extra carrying space, Masterbuilt Products has the answer with its Hitch-Haul. This 20-by-60-inch platform is made



of heavy-gauge expanded metal and mounts to any standard receiver hitch. A 2-inch receiver hitch will safely hold 500 pounds, providing enough carrying capacity for a full load of camping gear. For more information write: Masterbuilt Manufacturing Inc., Dept. SOF, 450 Brown Ave., Columbus, GA 31906; phone: 706-327-5622.

### Danner Boots

Finding the right hunting boot isn't easy. There are many bad boots on the market that hurt feet and make walking nearly impossible. Danner has developed a new hunting boot, the McKenzie, made with a waterproof full-grain leather lining that features foam insulation for warmth. The leather bootee lining is Danner's own patented design and is used in McKenzie hunting boots to make them rugged, practical and comfortable over the long hikes of a serious hunt. For more information write: Danner Shoe Manufacturing Co., Dept. SOF, 12722 N.E. Airport Way, Portland, OR 97320; phone: 503-251-1100.



### Sight Master Bow Sights

Sight Master introduced the one-touch bow sight featuring one-point sighting — with just one point to use for aiming, rather than pins — and immediately gained wide support among bowhunters. Recently the company brought out their innovative Pro-Elite sight, machined from high-grade aluminum, with an easily identifiable sight-reference scale allowing the user to quickly adjust his sight for precise yardage using only a fingertip. For more information, contact: Sight Master Inc., Dept. SOF, 1093 Highway 12 East, Townsend, MT 59644; phone: 406-266-5516.

### Neet Bow Sling

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### Bear First Strike Bows



Bear Archery offers two high-tech compound bows — the First Strike XL (straight limbs) and the First Strike XLR (pictured, with recurved limbs). Although First Strike bows were introduced last year, Bear has already improved them with a long power-stroke handle called the "Performance+" while the limbs are now compression-molded carbon/fiberglass. Contact: Bear Archery Inc., Dept. SOF, 4600 S.W. 41st Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32608; phone: 904-376-2327.

### Iosso Bore & Case Cleaners

Iosso Products has two new cleaners that should appeal to shooters. One is a bore-cleaning paste replacing traditional solvents. Iosso claims this paste removes all traces of copper, lead, powder fouling, plastic-wad residue or surface rust when applied sparingly to a clean, snug-fitting patch, then worked through a gun's bore.

Another troublesome cleaning task involves discolored range brass. Although casings are most often cleaned in dry-media tumblers, Iosso's QuickBrite kit provides an easy solution to powder-fouling residue, oxidation, tarnish, dirt and grime. The kit includes a quart-bottle of QuickBrite cleaner with strainer bag, plastic pail and lid. Casings are placed in the bag and dipped in QuickBrite for a few seconds up to several minutes, then removed and washed under running water. For more information, contact: Iosso Products, Dept. SOF, 1485 Lively Blvd., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007; phone: 708-437-8400.

### Gerber's Strike Force & Mirror

The Gerber name is well-known and respected for cutlery; it is also becoming acclaimed for quality survival products. Gerber's new emergency fire-starter system is now on the market. Called the Strike Force, this unit contains a spark-



generator rod and a striker bar, with a small amount of Gerber's reusable tinder included. Impervious to moisture and temperature, the Strike Force works in the most extreme conditions.

Another new Gerber survival product is a nearly unbreakable military-tested signal mirror. It floats, fits in your pocket and comes with easy-to-understand instructions. For more information, write: Gerber Legendary Blades Inc., Dept. SOF, 14200 S.W. 72nd Ave., P.O. Box 23088, Portland, OR 97281; phone: 503-639-6161.



### Riley's Serious Stove

Three years ago, *SOF's* hunting camp was in near-zero weather. The cold spell sent us looking for two things — a mess tent big enough for our crew and a stove to warm it. We told you about the tent last year. This year we'll look at the stove.

The unit we chose is made by the Riley Stove Co. and features a firebox, hot-water tank, warming shelf and chimney oven; it can also be expanded with lots of other add-ons and purchased one piece at a time. Riley stoves are sold by Cabela's Inc. of Sidney, Nebraska, where we obtained our camp's model.

We used the Riley wood burning stove nearly three weeks in western Colorado. It warmed our 16-by-24-foot mess tent, cooked full meals, baked and even reheated a half-dozen frozen roasted chickens. After 12 years of *SOF* hunting excursions, it was one of the most welcome products we've tested and is now a permanent fixture in our camp. For information, write: Riley Stove Co., Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 817, Townsend, MT 59644; phone: 406-266-5525 — or contact: Cabela's Inc., Dept. SOF, 812 13th Ave., Sidney, NE 69160; phone: 308-254-5505.

### Furbee Chairs

At the range I spend a lot of time shooting benchrest. Until recently my chair was an upturned ammo box. Then at the

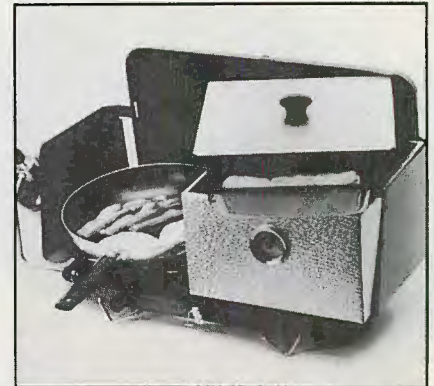


'92 *SOF* Convention, I checked out a booth stocked with unusual folding chairs. Unlike lawn chairs, the Daniel Furbee model features its own carrying bag and is more durable, easier to set up and lots more comfortable than any lawn chair.

We ordered two Furbee chairs for the *SOF* hunting camp. When they arrived I tried one at the range benchrest. These chairs are staying with me. After three weeks of hunting-camp abuse they are still like new, which proves the *SOF* Convention is a great place to find new products. To order your Furbee chairs, contact Daniel Furbee Products, Dept. SOF, 7740 E. Main, Suite 9, Mesa, AZ 85205.

### Stove-Top Oven

Although Riley Stove's oven proved itself every day in hunting camp, sometimes more oven space is needed. In the past I used a Coleman folding oven. But now the Fox Hill Corp. of Rozet, Wyoming, offers The Sportsman's Oven, which fits over a single burner on a



Coleman stove and is much easier to handle than older-style camp ovens. It's an ideal companion in the camp kitchen for baking or warming. For more information, write: Fox Hill Corp., Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 259, 13970 E. Highway 51, Rozet, WY 82727; phone: 307-682-5358.

### Action Packers

Formidable logistics are involved in packing up *SOF's* hunting camp, moving it across mountains, then setting it up. Getting the gear packed can be a pain, but this problem was eased by Rubbermaid's lockable Action Packer containers, made of tough, durable plastic with double-walled lids for added strength.

We packed four Action Packers with most of the hunting camp's equipment, including all kitchen gear plus lanterns, ropes and food. The abuse taken by these containers would have destroyed Styrofoam or cardboard, but they survived for next year. For more information, write: Rubbermaid Inc., Dept. SOF, 1147 Akron Road, Wooster, OH 44691; phone: 216-264-6464.



# KILLING GRO



Government soldier with Soviet-made RPD machine gun engages Wahdat forces in Kabul street fight.



Government forces in Soviet-made BMP-2 IFV prepare to attack rebels of Iranian-backed Hezb-i-Wahdat in one of frequent Kabul duels.

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## No End In Sight In Afghan Civil War

Photos by Jake Border

Government troops fire RPG-7V from position near outskirts of Kabul.



Wahdat fighter with aging Czech ZBvz26 light machine gun. As is often the case, those receiving outside support get the castoffs of their supporters.



Capital city Kabul burns once again after government forces counterattack Hezb-i-Wahdat faction.

**SOF** received a bundle of photos from longtime combat correspondent and multiple-tour Afghan veteran Jake Border without text, but with the notation, "Peace talks dominate current affairs, but it's only a matter of time before traditional Afghan war-lust overrides this aberration and they go at it full-bore again." For the past several months, fighting between Massoud's Defense Ministry forces and the Iranian-backed rebel Shi'ite Hazara Hezb-i-Wahdat faction has been punctuated only by "peace" talks and fighting between government forces and major players such as Gulbuddin Hekmatyar. As various factions jockey for position within a government of "shared power," they apply leverage through their military arms. This is to be expected: Afghanistan has witnessed little change wrought through diplomacy over the last couple of decades — if ever. Keeping in mind that in Afghanistan ideas, philosophies and groups compete with bullets and not words, the following review of cabinet positions delegated to various factions will illustrate the breadth and depth of the problem:

*Afghan National Liberation*: Civil Aviation, Health — *Harakat*: Education, Religion — *Harakat-Mohseni*: Planning, Transport — *Hezb-i-Hekmatyar*: Prime Minister, Interior [police], Communications, Reconstruction — *Hezb-i-Khalis*: Justice, Culture — *Hezb-i-Wahdat*: Commerce, Finance — *Ittehad*: City Planning, Higher Education — *Jamiat*: President, Defense, Agriculture, Water and Power — *National Islamic Front*: Foreign, Border Guards — *Independent*: Refugee Repatriation.

For an understanding of how this applies to the streets and mountains of Afghanistan, we offer six weeks of extracted headlines. Undated, they could be reinserted at almost any point during the past — or coming — year: By only changing the names of the players and their weapons, these could be overlaid onto news covering a span of centuries:

... *President Rabbani (Jamiat faction) and Prime Minister Hekmatyar (Hezb-i faction) met to resolve who will hold position of new defense minister (they did not succeed) ... Seventy-seven rockets pounded residential areas of Kabul ...*

Former communist President Najibullah, hiding in U.N. compound for more than a year, asked to leave country ... Four rockets hit Red Cross hospital in Kabul ... Two hundred killed in Kandahar fighting between supporters of Rabbani and local guerrillas ... Rival groups in Kandahar reach ceasefire after additional fighting kills 40 ... President Rabbani said Hekmatyar was responsible for failure to install a new cabinet ... Defense Minister Massoud narrowly escaped when Hekmatyar's artillery shelled building where

Massoud was speaking ... Hekmatyar's forces blockade Kabul, cutting supplies to Rabbani ... Rabbani and Hekmatyar met in Jalalabad, agreed to talk until they reach settlement ... Seven men killed in rocket and mortar attack on Kabul ... Twenty-eight rockets hit Kabul, killing two ... Rebel forces bombard Kabul, killing two ... Artillery duels in Kabul leave five dead ... More than 150 killed in fighting between Hezb-i-Wahdat (pro-Iran) and Ittehad-i-Islami (pro-Saudi) groups ... Kabul museum set on fire by rockets ... Three hundred



Wahdat rebels with homemade launcher for 122mm rockets. Note unique camouflage uniforms and pattern on launcher.



Wahdat with Soviet PKM machine gun lays into government troops during Kabul street fighting.



Defense Minister Massoud (left) greets supporter on street in Kabul— but popular support doesn't always translate to military support in a civil war with many factions.

rockets and shells fall on Kabul, killing 70 and injuring 600 ... Artillery clashes in Kabul as government forces try to rid city of rebel militias; government planes bomb rebels, airport closed by shellfire ... Heavy fighting in Kabul: Red Cross estimates 500 dead, 2,500 injured ... More than 100 rockets hit Kabul, killing 10, injuring 185 ... Hekmatyar's troops pound Kabul with rockets, killing 23 ... Day of heavy fighting leaves Kabul hospitals full ... Hekmatyar's troops fire 93 rockets into Kabul, killing 13, wounding 118 ...

Twelve Arabs (from Yemen, Algeria, Morocco, Saudi Arabia) captured while fighting for Hekmatyar's Hezb-i faction; they had been training in terrorism and guerrilla warfare ... Official list of cabinet officers announced; Hekmatyar's forces fire rockets into Kabul, are bombed by government planes ... Ceasefire in Kabul broken by sporadic shelling ... Security forces arrest Hekmatyar followers for trying to commit terrorist acts ... Hezb-i-Wahdat and government forces clash ...



Government forces recon Wahdat HQ from their positions at the Intercontinental Hotel, Kabul.



Young Wahdat soldier with improvised/modified LAW: Common use of improvised, modified or home-built weapons by Wahdat suggests they may be thinking of a long-term struggle.

Government troops enjoy the advantage of air power and transport — these reinforcements have just been choppered in to fight Hezb-i-Wahdat forces.



Afghan President Burhanuddin Rabbani takes the salute — while the forces under his command fight myriad factions of a "shared power" government.



Iranian Shi'ite-backed Wahdat fighter with folding-stock AK and curved sword — for waving in the air while yelling "Allah Akbar!" during assaults.

**The beetle-like** bumps in a trail of dust on the horizon were at least a company of Main Battle Tanks (MBTs) in attack formation heading due south out of Iraq. They were traveling at high speed, heading dead-center into the waiting Kuwaiti defenders' kill zone with main guns at the ready.

When the approaching steel monsters were within 2,000 yards, the Kuwaitis' Yugo-built M-84 MBTs (essentially Soviet T-72 clones) emerged from holes scooped out of the desert, drove up prepositioned ramps and laid their 125mm main guns on the attacking tanks. It was a perfectly executed ambush. "Old Blood and Guts" Patton would have thundered his pleasure at the sight.

Both the Kuwaiti and American commanders "fighting" each other were more than satisfied with how their forces dueled in mock war games along Kuwait's northern border facing Iraq. Lieutenant Colonel Murray Williams, U.S. commander of the attacking 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment, noted after the fight how, "the Kuwaitis get better with every battle drill."

Kuwait's army is on the mend and in the process of rebuilding itself from the ashes of defeat. Kuwait got clobbered when Iraq invaded in August 1990. Granted, it was overwhelmed by a much larger force, but a bad state of preparedness and apathy had added to the Kuwaitis' disaster. A few units had stood by their guns until they had no more shot, others ran like hell before the bad guys came within sight, but the majority of Kuwaiti defenders never got out of their barracks.

Jassem Al-Saadoon, a Kuwaiti parliamentarian, noted how "Seventy-five

# KEEPING HUNGRY LIONS AT BAY

## *U.S. Rebuilds Kuwaiti Forces From Ashes Of Defeat*

**by Col. David Hackworth**

**Prepositioning heavy armor and equipment in Kuwait, like this M109A2 155mm self-propelled howitzer photographed during Gulf War, allows U.S. troops to rapidly deploy to this potential hot spot.**



Photo: G. Merillon/Gamma Liaison



**In house-to-house combat scenario, Kuwaiti troops and U.S. Marines drill carrying M16A2 rifles with blank-firing adapters at Umm al Aish barracks, some 20 miles south of Iraqi border. Photo: Reuters/Bettman**



Photo: Reuters/Bettman

percent of the available weapons” never got unlimbered, being locked up in storehouses. A large number of officers have since been purged from the military, while a parliamentary committee is currently investigating the Kuwaiti armed forces’ poor performance.

Kuwait’s new armed forces chief of staff, General Jaber Al-Sabah, reorganized and re-equipped what was left of his forces on the hoof in Saudi Arabia after what he called a “heavy defeat.” This task “was not easy to do” as 95% of their equipment was lost, according to Al-Sabah, son of Kuwait’s ruling emir.

The Kuwaiti general praised now retired U.S. Army Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf’s leadership and assistance in acquiring the guns, ammunition and instructors needed to get Kuwait’s forces up and running again. Now Al-Sabah has launched a vigorous rebuild program “starting from the bottom up,” concentrating on developing a cadre of “elite officers and NCOs” who will subsequently be armed with the best high-technology equipment available.

Currently some 250 Kuwaiti offic-

ers and NCOs are training with other armies overseas. Al-Sabah knows that a modern army cannot be built in a few years. “Equipment does not make an army, only quality soldiers and time,” Al-Sabah said. “It will take 10 years before we are fully capable. Once we have our forces combat ready, then we will have a strong shield to defend our country and take the initial shock [of an attack] until reinforcements arrive.”

Tiny Kuwait, with its population about that of greater Omaha, Nebraska, plans to spend \$15 billion on arms before the end of this decade. Yet the equipment modernization program is being done carefully and only after thoughtful analysis. According to Donald Gilleland, director of communications for General Dynamics Land Systems, Kuwait has thus far ordered 218 U.S. M1A2 Abrams tanks, worth some \$4 billion, and has inquired on quantity prices for a total of 760 Abrams MBTs — the M1A2 certainly proved its worth as a mean machine during the Gulf War.

Some 40 McDonnell Douglas F-18 Hornet fighter-bombers have also been called for by Kuwait, which is also

**Near Kubbar, an island 20 miles off Kuwait in Persian Gulf, joint U.S.-Kuwait naval exercises included firing up mock Iraqi vessel, then taking its “crew” prisoner.**

seeking a new fleet of tank-killing helicopters, possibly McDonnell Douglas AH-64 Apaches or Bell AH-1 SuperCobras. Meanwhile the vigorous training program builds up steam. The U.S. Task Force commander in Kuwait, Major General William C. Page Jr., agreed with Williams in saying, “Each day the Kuwaiti army gets stronger.”

While on assignment, I watched Kuwaiti armored units “fight” American tanks and noticed improvement over those Kuwaiti units I was with during Desert Storm, but, truth to tell: I was not impressed. The Kuwaitis just don’t have enough fire in their bellies or desire to get down and dirty. During some of the “tank fights” I watched, Kuwaiti gunners were frequently too



Photo: U.S. Army

**Col. David Hackworth (in blue) and 3rd "Greywolf" Brigade officers during after-action review.**

slack to even aim their main guns at the "attacking" American tanks.

A retired U.S. Army colonel who spent 34 years as a soldier and worked daily with the Kuwaitis for the past several years observed, "They've got to change their work habits and de-

alone. He envisions a defensive union representing all Gulf states — Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates — under an alliance similar to NATO. A nascent combined organization called Gulf Cooperation Countries (GCC) now exists within the thinly populated region. It is this sort of confederation, reinforced for the present by U.S. firepower from the ground, air and sea, that Al-Sabah believes will deter or eject an attacking force.

The Gulf states are dead serious about military preparedness. Saudi Arabia spends about \$15 billion annually on defense. Recently the Saudis ordered 465 M1A2 tanks to be delivered in two phases over a three-year period beginning in 1994. Gilleland of General Dynamics noted how the Saudis' Abrams purchases may reach 700 over the next few years.

General Dynamics is also filling an

order for 524 M1A1 Abrams tanks to be delivered in kit from between now and the end of 1997 to Egypt, where they will be assembled. The United Arab Emirates plan to buy some 400 of the new French Leclerc MBTs and project spending some \$10 billion for military hardware by the end of this decade.

Saddam's 1990 invasion of Kuwait was a wake-up call for the Gulf states — military preparedness is now the name of the game. Yet the U.S. experience in Vietnam reinforced the fact that equipment alone does not win wars; only motivated fighters do. Stockpiled weapons won't stop an enemy. It takes well-trained and motivated soldiers willing to stand and die for their countries.

The Pentagon keeps a strong presence in the Persian Gulf, guarding the world's biggest gas station. The Navy sits just over the horizon with an air-



Photo: U.S. Army

velop a sense of urgency. Most come from affluent backgrounds and have never worked in their lives. Take a look at their hands." I tried to, but it was hard to get beyond the glare of \$10,000 gold Rolexes worn by every officer.

Al-Sabah, deputy army commander to the since-cashiered chief of staff before Saddam's invasion, knows his five brigades of reconstituted ground forces need a lot of work and cannot now do the job of defending Kuwait

**American M1A1 Abrams pops smoke dischargers to provide concealment during joint U.S.-Kuwait training exercises near Iraqi border.**

craft carrier battle group, while our Air Force maintains scores of fighters, bombers, command and control, spy and support aircraft on a tight string to complement the Army's permanent force in Kuwait.

Currently, soldiers of 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment — a reinforced armored unit from Fort Hood, Texas' famed 1st Cavalry Division — have the Kuwait duty. They stand behind the line George Bush's White House drew in the sand. These well-trained



troopers demonstrate U.S. capacity and determination to defend America's mutual interests in Kuwait.

While waiting for Saddam to do something dumb, American ground units conduct training with their Abrams tanks and M2 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles (IFVs). To sharpen the combat edge, they hold frequent joint war games against Kuwaiti armor not far from where they would most likely be fighting.

### Romp, Stomp And Shoot

Kuwait's desert is an ideal place to romp, stomp and shoot in, so the Cav troopers' combat skills improve with each deployment. This U.S. force can quickly be increased to a heavy tank brigade with the remainder of the division being airlifted close behind. For example, the elite 9th Cav, whose veterans took Kuwait City as part of the Tiger Brigade during Desert Storm, was ready to fight in just four days following Saddam's ceasefire violations this past January. This is an incredible improvement in response time since the days of Desert Shield, made possible because heavy fighting equipment such as tanks, cannons and choppers are now prepositioned there.

The warriors from units like Captain Randy Rosin's C Company, 3rd Battalion, 67th Armor Brigade, are deadly professional and the sharpest tankers I've ever seen. "We're ready and waiting," said Rosen, who has served with the same company six years. With their gear already handy, all they have to do, once the whistle is blown, is fly in, pile onto their ar-

mored vehicles, conduct operational checks and move out to their war positions. Noted Gen. Page of the 9th's recent 72-hour deployment, "It works. Our heavy forces move almost as fast as an airborne division."

Since Desert Storm's end, the Army has been rotating armored units through Kuwait. They show the flag and reinforce America's resolve that



Photo: U.S. Army

**Kuwaitis are briefed on battle plan by U.S. adviser. The United States cannot keep troops outpost here forever. Kuwait must work harder to defend itself and hammer out a NATO-like defense agreement with the other Gulf states to train and stand together.**

Kuwait and the Middle East are vital to its strategic interests and won't be hung out to dry again. The Kuwaiti government is most grateful and picks up the \$12 million yearly tab it costs to sustain and maintain these forces. These troopers get combat pay and are well-treated by their Kuwaiti hosts.

The Kuwaitis provide U.S. cafeteria-style fast food — with all the Danish ice cream you can eat — and their modern base is well-equipped with a gym, movie theater, post exchange and excellent maintenance and training facilities. Most of the menial work, like KP and latrine duty, is done by Third World workers. It's a soldier's dream, except for the absence of girls and beer — that is, unless the soldier is married.

For many GIs, this is the third tour in the Gulf region since 1990, placing a real strain on marriages. One sergeant said, "If you're a mercenary and hire out to defend people — which is becoming the new American way — it's great if the client is rich, but a bummer if you're hitched." Sixty percent of the troopers are married.

Iraq's once-vaunted Republican Guard has one each of tank, mechanized and artillery divisions deployed

near Basra, not far from Kuwait's northern border. These units are no longer a serious military threat — they're not fit to fight and are now garrison soldiers who conduct almost no tactical training. They could perhaps march to the Kuwaiti border, but would probably lose more than half their vehicles to breakdowns along the way. Iraq doesn't have military spare parts or the maintenance skills to keep things running.

Iraq has lost all of the foreign technicians who, as in Kuwait, kept the toys in running shape. The U.N. blockade has intercepted more than 16,000 Iraq-bound ships in the Red Sea and Persian Gulf since the start of Desert Shield. The resulting lack of parts has put most of Iraq's military hardware up on blocks. What worn-out gear still runs is maintained only through cannibalization of parts.

### Impotent Iraqis

If a modern military's logistics are sick, it cannot fight. Iraq's are terminal and, more importantly, Iraqi troop morale is also as low as whale dung despite all the medals Saddam has pinned on for winning the "Mother of all Battles" against the Coalition forces. His hungry grunts and disenchanted leaders aren't happy and have no stomach for another shootout with American warriors. They're fed up and, according to U.S. intelligence sources, deserting in big numbers. Saddam's war machine, though as impressive on paper as it was before the war, is like the U.S. Army National Guard's round-out units observed during Desert Shield: More show than go, a cripple without crutches.

Our U.S. intelligence agencies still keep close tabs on the Iraqis. As in Desert Shield/Storm, they read the Iraqis' mail before it arrives. Commanders in Kuwait know more about Saddam's army, right down to location and status of company-size units, than Saddam does.

During Desert Storm, Schwarzkopf complained how he had all the intelligence information in the world, but it didn't get to the right people in a timely manner because of bureaucratic red tape — this has been fixed. Commanders here now get the "hot skinny" just minutes after it is obtained at the source.

There is no way the Iraqi army can launch a serious attack so long as the

Coalition continues its overwatch and the United Nations stands firm on enforcing sanctions. The American eye in the sky keeps Saddam's units in sharp focus around the clock, providing Coalition forces with enough lead time to prepare an explosive reception. The minute the enemy moves a camel, he'll be blistered by 300 attack aircraft crews sitting on hair triggers, waiting for Saddam to make their day.

I spent a day at Kuwait's northern border at Abbally Camp, near the scene of Saddam's January 1993 ground incursions and close to the border-cross-

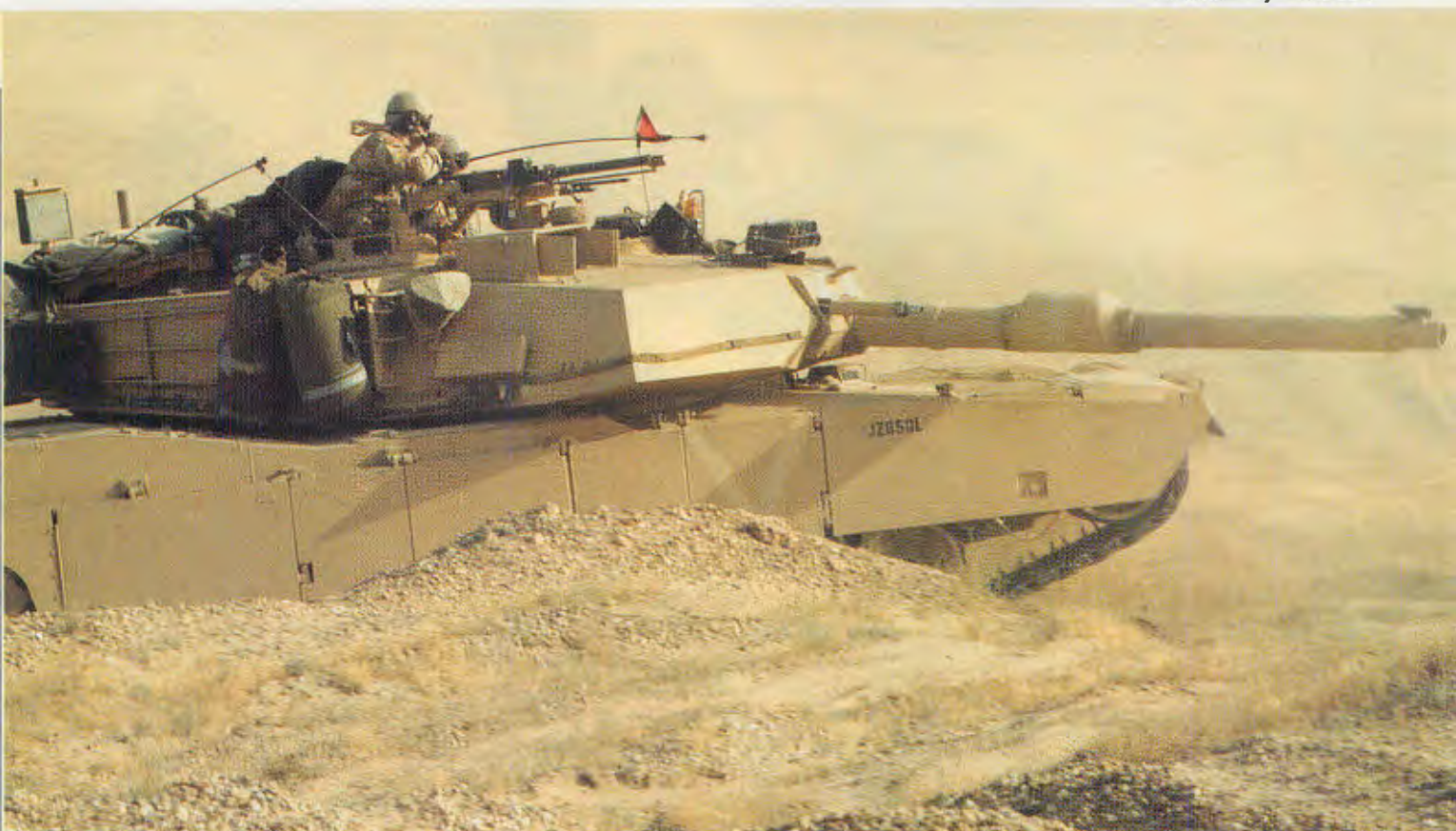
the loot. "So far they have only returned junk of no value," noted Boushahri, whose job it is to monitor what comes back. I watched four flatbed truckloads of "booty" return from Iraq, consisting of rusted-out or broken munitions. An explosives expert at the camp said it would all have to be blown.

In light of America's 27 June strike by 23 Tomahawk missiles against Iraq's Baghdad intelligence complex, my guess is that Saddam realizes Bill Clinton's game plan will be as tough as George Bush's was — to retaliate,

he will do something imperious and reckless. Let's face it, miscalculation is Saddam's middle name. Aside from stirring up the international pot with inept intrigues such as the blundered assassination effort on Bush, he's obsessed with destroying Kuwait and gobbling it up as his 19th province.

After Clinton's election, Saddam was into image change. His pitch to the world lately has been: *I am no longer the wolf, but a poor victimized sheep with a tin cup begging that the U.N. embargo, which has hurt my poor countrymen, be lifted.* He wants in from

Photo: Larry Anderson



ing into Iraq. There, a night does not pass without young Iraqis of military age being captured. Some are defecting, others scrounging for food, while some "are scouting our position," according to the camp's Kuwaiti commander, Colonel Mahmoud Boushahri. An armed U.N. battalion, the lead element of a brigade, will be deployed here soon to "stop this nonsense," the colonel added.

A U.N. resolution, agreed upon at the March 1991 ceasefire conference, states Iraq must pay reparations from future oil sales for all the war damage and theft once the U.N. embargo is lifted. Iraq also agreed to give back

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**Saddam's 1990 invasion of Kuwait was a wake-up call for military preparedness. Gulf States have already ordered some 1,200 models of the Abrams tank, like this M1A1, and orders for all types of other military hardware are way up.**

the cold. Tariq Aziz, Iraq's sycophant deputy prime minister, recently claimed that Iraq's territorial claim on Kuwait was a "closed chapter" and that his nation was standing by a ceasefire unilaterally declared as a goodwill gesture when Clinton took office, urging the Clinton administration to adopt a "new style" in its approach to Iraq.

Aziz didn't mention the rest of the book to be written, nor previous bloody chapters that have also been closed, yet are filled with broken promises, atrocities like the rape of Kuwait and

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Off San Clemente Island, SEAL trainees launch grueling multi-day/night exercise from rubber boat — to include stealthy beach insertion, obstacle reconnaissance, then exfiltration.  
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During first phase of BUD/S training, SEAL candidates maneuver underwater without using hands, readying for "drown-proofing" at Naval Special Warfare Center in Coronado, California.  
Photo: Pressens Bild/Gamma Liaison

# SEALS:

# WHAT IT TAKES!

by Capt. Larry Bailey



**W**hat does it take to become an elite U.S. Navy SEAL commando? You might think I would have the answer to this question, having been for three years the commanding officer of Naval Special Warfare Center (NSWC), the SEAL (Sea, Air Land) school in Coronado, California; however, I don't.

Fact is, there simply isn't a quick and easy answer to the question, despite the efforts of scores of social and biological scientists of all persuasions to identify those qualities most desirable in a candidate for SEAL training. For three years I personally strived to discover what I called the mysterious "golden key" to becoming a SEAL, but to no avail. There was simply no way to predict who had the guts to go through the six months of hell we call Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL training (or "BUD/S" for short).

However, while I'm convinced that such a golden key does not exist, there *was* one characteristic common to every BUD/S graduate I ever knew: the trait instructors call "fire in the gut." While this attribute cannot be precisely defined, in the aggregate it includes courage, desire, oblivion to pain, obedience to instructors, cooperation with fellow trainees and the attitude of "Graduation's out there somewhere and there's no way I ain't gonna be around when it happens!" What this means, in a nutshell, is the ability to subordinate pain, fatigue, anger and sensory overload of every description to the long-range goal — becoming a U.S. Navy SEAL.



You might have noticed that I didn't include physical gifts as part of the "fire in the gut" syndrome. While it's obvious that a potential SEAL must be able to measure up in a physical sense, BUD/S doesn't require superhuman strength or endurance. As a matter of fact, many's the time when the most physically talented members of a particular class were the first ones to "ring the bell," or quit.

For example, I will always remember Farmer, Jadrnicek and Stants, three men who in 1963 began training with me in what was then called UDT (Underwater Demolition Team) Replacement Training in Little Creek, Virginia. Besides being all-around good guys, they were tremendous athletes. All three could run and swim circles around the rest of us in Class 30 and do three times as many push-ups and pull-ups as well. Yet Farmer, Jadrnicek and Stants all quit early on in "Hell Week." To this day I can't explain why a relative klutz like myself completed UDT training and they didn't, except in terms of desire; I simply wanted it more.

I'm sure that Farmer, Jadrnicek and Stants also look back to 1963 and won-

der what happened, but I don't think anyone could ever give them any answer other than they lacked that fire in the gut, which enabled lesser physical specimens to persevere when the hurting got serious. One might say they simply had other priorities, while a successful trainee had only one — becoming a SEAL. I would love to talk to those guys today and hear from them why they didn't stick it out, but I think I know what each one's answer would be: *I didn't want it badly enough.*

### Super SEALs?

As CO of NSWC, I was often asked during interviews what I looked for in a SEAL candidate. I always answered by telling my questioner what I *didn't* like to see in a trainee, to include being too self-centered, or overly concerned with physical appearance, or excessively individualistic.

Still, knowing nothing else about a trainee, I would prefer the kid of average build and physical ability over the athletic superstar who has spent half his life in the gym, on the track or in the pool. I can't say why, but beyond a minimum level of athletic ability and stamina, there is little or no relation-

**Two SEALs on beach recon, one with Ingram-type SMG; radioman carries carbine model of M16. Today's SEAL is arguably the best-trained military man in the world. Photo: U.S. Navy**

ship between physical prowess and success in BUD/S training. Many's the time when a BUD/S honor graduate was the last guy expected to even complete training! Put simply, there ain't no formula for picking future SEALs.

As a fascinating sidelight to the business of predicting BUD/S success, there is the work of Dr. Rob Carlson, chairman of the Department of Physical Education at San Diego State University. As part of NSWC's effort to optimize the selection process for potential SEALs, he was contracted to develop a testing instrument to predict *failure* for 10% of each class. Not only was Dr. Carlson able to do this with 95% accuracy, but he was also able to identify with 80% accuracy the 10% of class members most likely to graduate. Key indicators in the latter assessment included a strong sense of patriotism, deeply held religious beliefs and a solid sense of values. Conversely, a lack of these elements was the most important factor in predicting failure.

# SEAL TRAINING TOO TOUGH?

One of the distinguishing characteristics of all U.S. special operations veterans is their propensity to indulge in ferocious arguments about what constitutes the proper amount of difficulty in basic training. The SEAL community has had its share of blood spilt over this issue, and there will no doubt be more. Perhaps SEAL training is even more of a focal point for such disagreement because of the peculiar institution known as "Hell Week."

The tradition of Hell Week commenced with the training of the very first Naval Combat Demolition Unit (or NCDU — predecessor of the Underwater Demolition Teams and SEALs) in 1943 at Fort Pierce, Florida. While many Hell Week events have changed, its basic thrust has not, which is to "weed out" those aspiring frogmen who, their instructors believe, cannot be counted on to perform adequately under the worst combat conditions, conditions replicated as closely as possible during Hell Week's five days.

Beginning with the "breakout," usually occurring around midnight on a Sunday/Monday, trainees are subjected to every stressful situation consistent with safety that can be devised by their BUD/S instructor staff.

For five harrowing days, these young Americans are pushed, prodded and pulled through such events as "Lyon's Lope," "Surf Conditioning," "Around the World," the "Mud Flats" and so on. While each event has its basis in real-world SEAL requirements, there are some who think many such tests have no place in a modern training curriculum.

As the first SEAL selected to flag rank, Rear Admiral Cathal "Irish" Flynn even questions the need for Hell Week itself. In so doing, he harkens back to his own Hell Week at Little Creek, Virginia, and the antics of one Petty Officer Shelby Jones, a redneck instructor whose specialties included holding a trainee's face in the mud with his boondocker-clad foot until the candidate gasped for air. It is wholly understandable that one's view of Hell Week might be somewhat jaundiced as a result of Jones' foot, which at times found a resting place on Flynn's own head.

A graduate of Trinity University in Dublin, Ireland, the good Admiral Flynn brings formidable intellectual credentials to an analysis of Hell Week's justification, focusing on whether or not the event serves a useful purpose. Other senior SEAL officers, however, have looked at Hell Week with an eye toward enabling more trainees to graduate; this is a view that elicits the most visceral of reactions from the overwhelming majority of serving SEALs, officers and enlisted men alike. Any hint of the possibility of "making BUD/S easier" inevitably results in that majority "circling the wagons."

This response is certainly predictable; it is also justifiable to a great degree, because, while no one can say with certainty what type of SEAL would emerge from a BUD/S curriculum without Hell Week, it is patently obvious what type of Seal has emerged from a training program that carries the weight of 50 years' effect.

One example in particular comes to mind in justification of a traditional Hell Week event that, on its surface, appears to have little or no real training value — the "Mud Flats." In fact, Flynn himself specifically commented on its lack of a legitimate training purpose. A deeper look into its purpose, however, reveals that SEALs frequently encounter real-world mud flats en route to an objective.

An old Vietnam hand tells the story of a Navy hospital corpsman who was assigned to SEAL Team Two back when our

generous interpretation of the Geneva Convention precluded corpsmen participating in Hell Week. When his squad was dropped off on a South China Sea beach to negotiate its way to a target, they found themselves bogged down in quicksand-like mud. Struggle as they might, their progress was measured in inches; except for the corpsman, however, they all made it to solid ground.

Despite the urgent pleas of his teammates to "keep trucking," the corpsman decided it was impossible to cross the barrier and refused to continue. This resulted in cancellation of an erstwhile-lucrative mission against an enemy on his own turf. What was the difference between the corpsman and his fellow SEALs? Simple — the latter "knew" the flats were passable, because they had been forced to negotiate mud flats during Hell Week; the corpsman had not.

With respect to Hell Week in general, one senior SEAL enlisted man reflected on his role in rescuing Governor-General Sir Paul Scoon during the invasion of Grenada. His unit was told it would be in and out of Sir Paul's mansion in no more than two hours and so the SEALs planned, equipped and deployed for such a timetable — however, it would be the next day before Scoon could be evacuated, due to heavy firepower from unexpectedly large numbers of Cuban and Grenadan forces surrounding the mansion.

Critically low on ammunition and out of food, the SEALs "hunkered down" for whatever time would be needed to prevail. Less well-trained fighters might have been forgiven for giving up the fight, but "quit" is not part of the SEAL vocabulary — a characteristic reinforced by Hell Week, when all a trainee has to do is make the simple statement, "I quit."

This SEAL vet and old boatswain's mate related how, during this time of intense stress brought on by factors totally beyond his control, he realized the true justification of Hell Week — it teaches the invaluable lesson that, even when operators do everything right, things can go dramatically wrong in the field.

The Grenada vet further commented that nothing short of the total overload of senses that is Hell Week suffices to impart such a lesson in a training environment. In the end, his anecdote and many others like it carry more weight than all the theoretical arguments about how Hell Week cannot be justified in terms of manpower shortages, modern psychology or progressive training methods.

In summary, it seems fair to say that the SEALs are "something special" because they think they are. This is directly in line with the philosophy of German commando *extraordinaire* Lieutenant Colonel Otto Skorzeny (whose daring glider assault rescued Mussolini from forced detention on an "inaccessible" Italian mountaintop lodge in 1943). He believed that the individual is the key to conducting successful special operations and that the individual must always be led to believe he is "someone special." It was Skorzeny's adherence to this philosophy that resulted in some of the most dramatic and successful exploits of World War II.

It is to the credit of today's SEAL leadership that while it has been unafraid to make commonsense changes, Hell Week remains an integral part of SEAL basic training. It is to be hoped that tomorrow's leaders will not be tempted to water down or eliminate this aptly named test of a young man's desire to really "be all that he can be." The philosophy of training exemplified by Jones' foot has long been abandoned; today's BUD/S syllabus works and should, in aggregate, remain the integral part of the SEAL experience that it has been for a half-century.

—L. B.

When I reported to NSWG in late 1985, I received explicit tasking to graduate more SEALs in order to accommodate the 50% growth projected for SEAL teams in the subsequent few

years. We started with a graduation rate of 26% and did everything we could to retain good candidates (without compromising training standards); by mid-1987 our graduation rate had

risen to just over 50%. It was still at this level when I was transferred 18 months later, though we had strived to raise the graduation rate still higher.

Today, some five years after my



Two SEAL scout-swimmer trainees conducting shoreline reconnaissance; the incredibly strenuous program undergone by SEAL teams and their predecessors has remained fairly constant throughout their 50 years of service.  
Photo: Pressens Bild/Gamma Liaison

departure, the graduation rate remains at around 50% and I am convinced this rate is sustainable *only* by a Herculean effort on the part of the BUD/S staff to keep good trainees in the program.

Out of 522 candidates starting BUD/S training in fiscal year 1988, a total of 248 graduated as SEALs. The following year reflected roughly the same amount of success, with 229 SEAL graduates out of 570 BUD/S candidates. For 1990, 314 out of 542 aspirants graduated — a marked improvement which carried over into 1991, when 222 graduates came out of a field of 389 BUD/S entrants. Fiscal year 1992's results reflected a drop in the graduation rate, however, with 247 SEALs emerging from a group of 540 BUD/S hopefuls.

The key element in keeping graduation rates around 50% while retaining

the training program's integrity is what is informally referred to as the "Fourth Phase." This was an idea conceived by Master Chief Boatswain's Mate Rick Knepper (and quickly appropriated as my own — officers are supposed to act that way, you know) midway through my tenure at NSWC.

Fourth Phase is a "holding pattern" for those trainees who have either reported aboard in less-than-satisfactory physical condition or who have been injured during BUD/S training.

In years past, any trainee who could not pass the BUD/S physical training (PT) test shortly after reporting aboard got sent back to the fleet. Such also was the fate of a trainee who experienced

an injury requiring treatment of more than a few days. Designed to salvage trainees who would otherwise leave the program without having had a chance to prove their mettle, Fourth Phase allows them to recoup and either start BUD/S at the proper level of physical conditioning, or re-enter upon recovery from illness or injury.

### Second Chance At Hell

While some of the old-line instructors objected to incorporating Fourth Phase into BUD/S, it is now viewed as a vital part of the constant effort to ensure that every qualified trainee graduates. And for those trainees who enjoy life on Coronado's "Silver Strand," Fourth Phase gives them the opportunity to get to know that place intimately, with some of them being assigned to it for up to a year before re-entering training.

It takes a special kind of guts to work through Fourth Phase's tedium of physical therapy and conditioning exercise, only so one can again subject oneself to the rigors of BUD/S; it's sort of like practicing for the proverbial kick in the backside.

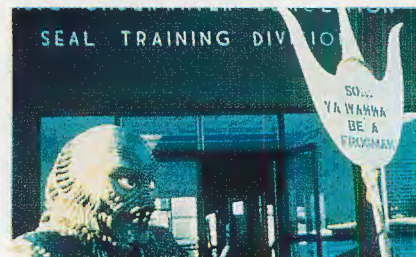
Nevertheless, scores of present-day SEALs are graduates because of Fourth Phase. It's not surprising that the winner of the "Fire in the Gut" trophy awarded to a deserving graduate of each BUD/S class is consistently an alumnus of Fourth Phase — he will have had to show more tenacity and desire than his compatriots, who have merely spent six months in hell.

Thirty-two weeks is the absolute minimum time required for a student to graduate; time spent in Fourth Phase is in addition to the schedule outlined here:

**Weeks 1-7 — Pre-training:** Medical and physical screening, PT, basic running and swimming techniques, nutrition/hydration and the basic military values of honor, discipline and integrity. (It should be noted that the level of performance in PT, running, swimming and the other basic skills acquired in pre-training and First Phase will be enhanced throughout BUD/S.)

**Weeks 8-16 — First Phase:** Small boat handling, first aid, drown-proofing, Hell Week (see below), teamwork and hydrographic reconnaissance. It is during First Phase when the most candidate attrition takes place; very few trainees quit after this period of exposure to what the SEAL profession is all about.

**Weeks 17-23 — Second Phase:** Longer ocean swims (up to five miles), a 14-mile beach run, diving physics and medicine, open- and closed-circuit diving, also combat swimmer techniques. After completing Second



One essential quality every SEAL graduate must have is "fire in the gut" — subordination of pain, fatigue, anger and sensory overload of every type to the long-range goal of becoming a SEAL.  
Photo: U.S. Navy



Other than Hell Week itself, toughest portion of SEAL training could be land warfare phase on San Clemente Island, some 30 miles offshore from Long Beach, California. Small unit tactics, weapons, ambush, live-fire exercises, combat demolitions and land navigation are among skills covered. This SEAL carries carbine version of M16 mounting M203 grenade launcher. Photo: Pressens Bild/Gamma Liaison

Phase, trainees know the rudiments of combat diving and the dangers associated with breathing air and oxygen under pressure. While they are not yet up to SEAL team standards, it is already certainly accurate to refer to them as expert divers.

**Weeks 24-32 — Third Phase:** Land warfare, weapons, small unit tactics, ambush, combat demolitions and land navigation. Except for Hell Week it-

self, Third Phase is the toughest period of training, especially during the four weeks or so spent on San Clemente Island, some 30 miles off Long Beach, California.

It is on and around "the Island" that the final exercise of BUD/S is conducted. This requires students to plan, prepare for and simultaneously execute a variety of separate tasks in support of an overall mission. Helicopters, boats and shoe leather all play important roles during this grueling multi-day/night evolution, which tests virtually all of the skills taught during the previous phases.

A typical final exercise will consist of events like these: infiltration of San Clemente Island by the trainee units; this can be done using rubber boats or SH-60B Seahawk helicopters, by swimming or other methods; long-range patrolling

by squad-sized trainee units to reconnoiter objective areas; live-fire assaults on a target, to include use of demolitions; assessment and use of intelligence gathered by reconnaissance elements; scout-swimmer reconnaissance (in this operation, two swimmers leave a Zodiac-type rubber boat several hundred yards offshore and swim to the beach using aquatic stealth techniques to conduct a recon of the shoreline and

immediate back-shore, then return to their boat); full-blown beach reconnaissance, during which swimmers are dropped from fast-moving boats a half-mile or so from an obstacle field, forming a line parallel to the beach, then swimming into shallow water to take soundings and look for obstacles (noting their observations on Plexiglas slates) before returning seaward to be picked up by another fast-moving craft; beach clearance, during which the class swims into the obstacle field previously reconned to attach 20-pound demolition charges to those obstacles, linking the charges into a giant explosive network, initiating firing procedures, then returning seaward — once swimmers are recovered, the obstacle field vanishes in a C4-explosive-induced cloud of vapor.

### Hell Hath Fury

The "centerpiece" of BUD/S is indisputably Hell Week, which starts with the "breakout" on Sunday night of Week 13. Breakout consists of the student barracks being invaded by the instructor "enemy." Firing automatic weapons, screaming at the tops of their lungs and exploding artillery simulators, the instructors attempt to disorient students as part of an effort to replicate combat conditions.

Once "captured," the trainees are subjected to several hours of events designed to induce, in the shortest possible time, the most extreme physical discomfort and mental stress. These events include heavy calisthenics, water exposure and crawling in the sand, along with constant verbal assault. Once the "shock treatment" is complete and the trainees have had their senses traumatized, they begin the long series of evolutions testing them as they have never been tested before. A typical Hell Week will see between 10% and 30% of trainees drop by the wayside; this is in addition to the 20% or 30% who quit (or were dropped) in the preceding 12 weeks.

The events of Hell Week are long remembered by trainees. "Surf Conditioning," "Rock Portage," "Lyon's Lope," "Steel Pier," "Around the World," "Surf Passage," "Log PT," "Mad Mash," "Camp Surf" and "So Solly Day" are never-to-be-forgotten elements of every SEAL's memory banks.

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# SHOOT AND SCOOT

## *SOF On The Sharp Edge With Sarajevo's Countersnipers*

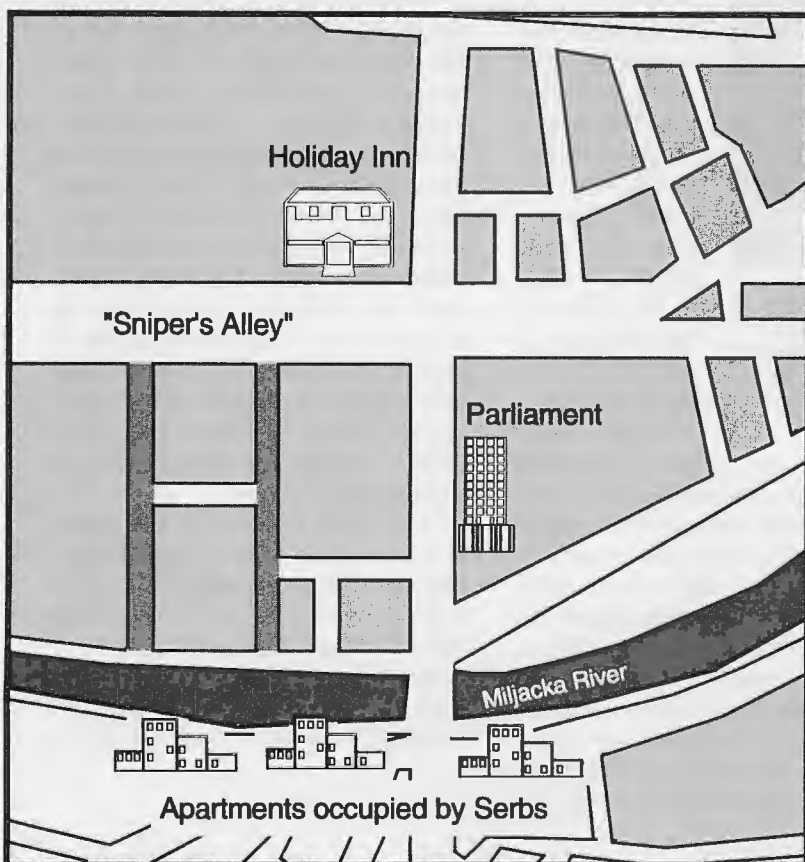
**Text & Photos  
by Robert MacKenzie**

From positions across the Miljacka River, Serb snipers fire down secondary streets at targets of opportunity along "Sniper's Alley," formerly the Vojvade Putnika, a main Sarajevo thoroughfare.

**Twenty-two stories high**, the former Bosnia-Herzegovina parliament building in Sarajevo is almost completely burned out and has dozens of gaping holes in its walls from high-explosive tank and artillery rounds. Formerly a seat of government, its shattered hulk now serves as a key observation post and countersniping position for the beleaguered Bosnian defenders of their capital. Below ground, candles and lanterns provide dim illumination for homeless refugees who live in dark rooms and corridors in the basement, safe from enemy guns — until the need for food and water forces them up and out onto Sarajevo's mean streets.

And those streets, at least for several blocks around the parliament building and nearby Holiday Inn, are mean indeed. The main drag is called "Sniper's Alley," and those few people with gas for their cars drive with pedal to the metal, swerving around shell craters and hurtling across intersections at the best speed they can muster, trying to avoid sniper fire. Occasional overturned and burned car bodies litter the road, temporary monuments to bad driving or good shooting. For those (network or major press journalists, or U.N. personnel) who can afford them, armored vehicles are the transport of choice, but the local residents rely as much on luck as on driving skills.

After three days hanging around the Holiday Inn waiting for our local "fixer" to arrange a visit to some of the defensive positions in Sarajevo, publisher Robert K. Brown and I had come to believe that either the process of obtaining the necessary authorizations were beyond the fixer, or that perhaps he didn't really want to take us to the lines. That would have been understandable enough, given that even in the relative safety of our hotel, the rattle of small-arms fire provided a fairly constant background noise. Explosions from incoming mortar, recoilless rifle and artillery fire echoed around the city every half-hour or so, as



Map: David Shapiro

well — and there was supposed to be a ceasefire in effect. The fixer had to live in that environment every day, and could not really be blamed if he didn't care to expose himself to more potentially hazardous conditions just so we could get a few pictures and interviews.

### Sniper's Alley

Fortunately for this story, however, Brown and I met a journalist from a small news service who had spent several months in Sarajevo and who had somehow procured the necessary papers. He was glad to have company for a visit to a unit tasked with suppressing snipers in a Serbian-held suburb on a hillside overlooking part of Sarajevo. As our peerless publisher had a hard-won appointment with the French Foreign Legion unit securing the Sarajevo airport, I got to go to the front lines with our new friend.

The lines, in this case, happened to be about a block away from the Holiday Inn. To get there, we first crept around the sides of the hotel, trying to minimize our exposure to gunmen on the hillside above. On reaching the edge of the dreaded Sniper's Alley (the dread was real enough — a civilian

Shoot (below) and scoot (right), Bosnian army soldier armed with Yugo M72B1 light machine gun fires from skimpy concealment, quickly changes position under view of Serb snipers.





The parliament building as seen from the Sarajevo Holiday Inn. Shot-up, burned-out building's upper tiers provide firing positions for Bosnian countersnipers; basement provides shelter for homeless refugees.

had been shot in front of our hotel the previous afternoon), we firmly grasped our camera bags, tightened up our rear apertures and sprinted across a hundred meters of empty boulevard and center divider. It was almost an anticlimax when we got to the cover of some ruined buildings on the other side of the street without drawing a single round of small-arms fire.

As my companion had been there before, he led the way around parking lots and pedestrian concourses to the local command post. There we presented his paperwork and spoke to a succession of increasingly senior Bosnian army soldiers until finally the area commander, Ante, appeared. We must have impressed him, or maybe it was a slow day, because he decided to show us around himself.

Ante's unit was responsible for 800 meters of front along the 10-meter-wide Miljacka River, which runs through the middle of Sarajevo. Ruined factories, burned out skyscrapers and scarred apartment buildings (still occupied!) provided his men with excellent cover and observation of similar Serbian positions, in some places only 20 meters away

across the river. As my friend and I followed Ante through the rubble, we asked him about his troops. He prudently wouldn't give us his strength, except to say that he could get as many men as he had arms to issue.

Some of his troops were members of the Bosnian army and some were from a police counterterrorist unit formed to provide security for the 1984 Winter Olympics. Some had served in the Yugoslav army, and some had no previous military experience, but all were fiercely determined to defend their city from the "Serbian invaders." The few camouflage-clad female combatants in the group — some of whom were reported to be countersnipers — were in obvious agreement. A platoon leader told me that of his 37 men, seven were Orthodox Serbs, five were Catholic Croats, and 25 were Muslim Bosnians. He said they were fighting together because they had always lived together and wanted to do so in the future, without interference from politicians in Belgrade, Zagreb, the United Nations, or their own city hall. That attitude, widespread among all ethnic groups living in Sarajevo, has denied the Serbs the easy victory hoped for when they started fighting there in April 1992.

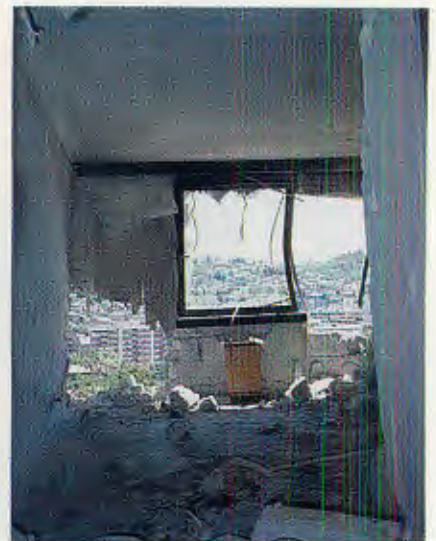
### Mausers & .50 Cals

Scoped German K98k Mauser rifles and Yugoslav copies, Russian Dragunovs, and Yugo M76 sniping rifles, and the Yugo FAZ weapons-family light machine gun variant with a folding metal stock — M72AB1 N-PN, which is also fitted with bases for telescopic sights — provided this unit with good countersniping capability. At one position I noticed a small, neat pyramid of .50-caliber shells which, when I asked, were said to have come from a .50-caliber bolt-action rifle.

The unit's several machine guns had also been used with some success by responding to muzzle flashes at night with short bursts. Rounding out the unit's weaponry were Yugoslav AKs, a scattering of hand grenades, some anti-tank rockets, and, as always in Bosnia, a variety of civilian shotguns and hunting rifles.

Whatever the weapon in use, af-

ter months of practice the Bosnian countersnipers knew their jobs. Their hides were always well back from windows or shell holes, and they had easy routes to dozens of alternates. Since Serbian counterfire often took the form of a tank round, "shoot and scoot" was one of their most closely followed operating principles. With every two or three shooters was an observer equipped with binoculars or 40x42 spotting scopes, who also carried maps and sketches of scores of known Serbian positions and bunkers.



There is room at the Holiday Inn ... but air conditioning is excessive by AAA standards.



**Serb sniper on hilltop position overlooking Sarajevo armed with scoped Yugo M84 GPMG. Photo: Patrick Chauvel**

Climbing many, many stories up the parliament building, I had a firsthand look at the Bosnians' biggest problem in trying to suppress enemy snipers: On the hillside opposite were literally thousands of empty windows, and thousands more trees, bushes, and piles of debris, each one a potential firing position. One of the worst areas was an overgrown cemetery about 300 meters away where each crypt and tombstone could hide a rifleman. Clearly, the Serbs were proficient in their tactics and use of ground.



**Old Jewish cemetery in Sarajevo provides shelter for the dead — and for Serb snipers.**

Their target selection, though, concentrating as it does on women, often pregnant, and children, is a despicable perversion of legitimate military skills. These phantom shooters seldom

are highly skilled military technicians with specialized equipment, selectively taking out justifiable military targets at ranges of up to 1,000 meters. More often than not, it is a Chetnik taking potshots at baby carriages from 200 meters with an AK: It is simply the callous, terrorist assassination of innocents. Most journalists and U.N. observers agree the

sniping of civilians is premeditated — the objective being to force civilians to leave the city.

Ironically, some of the Serbian sharpshooters had served in the same police counterterrorist unit as their Bosnian counterparts, and they were all known by name to each other. Perhaps the most discussed was a former shooting instructor who had trained some of the same people now trying to shoot him. An Olympic-medalist marksman, he was reputed to be very capricious in his choice of targets: one week only women, the next week only journalists, the following week firemen, etc. His former students were very much in dread of his cross hairs, as he reportedly never, ever, missed. If he dropped the hammer on you, you got more than your ticket punched. Why this former policeman, once dedicated to law enforcement and specializing in anti-terrorism, had now become virtually a terrorist himself, was the subject of a good deal of conjecture. Like much of the war in Bosnia, there were no obvious answers.

Unable to take Sarajevo by storm, the Serbs have resorted to murder by rifle fire and indiscriminate shelling to force the surrender of the city. Since the battle started last year, some 10,000 people have been killed and 60,000 wounded, the vast majority civilians. Serb troops have cut

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**Central Bosnia** is a dangerous assignment for the working press, and most journalists from major organizations use armored vehicles to get around. These are generally armored Land-Rovers and sedans built by various British carriage works for the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) in Northern Ireland, another high risk area for small-arms fire.

The RUC Land-Rovers are built in short and long wheelbase versions, with the short models having only an armored passenger cab. Steel plate doors replace the stock aluminum doors, a heavy counter-mine plate is bolted to the underside of the chassis, other panels are backed with steel or Kevlar, and the windows have bulletproof glass panels fastened over them. These are heavy, awkward vehicles designed for city use in Ireland, not icy mountain roads in Bosnia, and it isn't unusual for them to end up in a ditch.

Earlier this year, Independent Television News (ITN), the British affiliate of CNN, had a team near Kiseljak in central Bosnia with one armored Rover sedan (totaled when their local driver/translator missed a curve) and two long-wheelbase armored Land-Rovers (one ex-RUC and the other custom built for an African military police force). Both handled like pigs. One day, the same fellow who crashed the sedan rolled the African Rover into a ditch in an area where there was heavy Muslim-Croat fighting. After this, the driver/translator became only a translator.

Before ITN could get their Rover pulled out, the local HVO (Croatian forces) "recovered" it. Several days



Tony Gathercole, British forces vet, with armored Land-Rover on central Bosnia's "Ho Chi Minh Trail." Tony's firm, TEAM Armored Vehicles, is leasing and maintaining press vehicles in Bosnia. This Rover has steel armor and heavy glass protecting cab only against 7.62 caliber rifle fire. Counter-mine plate — about three-eighths-inch thick steel — is bolted underneath. Reuters team in similar vehicle survived mine blast in January with only broken legs and back injuries. Photo: courtesy Tony Gathercole



Press corps' armored Land-Rovers team up to push crippled humanitarian assistance truck out of harms' way in Sarajevo's Sniper's Alley. Journalists in Bosnia are often unsung heroes, lending aid like this, evacuating wounded and informing refugees of aid situation. Bosnia's rugged mountain roads took heavy toll on trucks, and many were pushed over the edge to clear roads. Photo: Mark H. Milstein



Robert K. Brown with armored Mercedes 300GD in parking lot of Hotel Split. This vehicle was used by high-rollers from German television. Big sedan weighs nearly four tons and is seriously underpowered for Bosnia's mountain roads, but comfortable. Custom right fender at no extra charge. Photo: Robert MacKenzie



Well-known French photographer and SOF contributor, Patrick Chauvel with his Shorland Mk 4 armored patrol car, gun turret removed. This Shorland, built on a Land-Rover chassis by Shorts Brothers Ltd. In Northern Ireland, was originally used by Royal Ulster Constabulary. Photo: Robert K. Brown

# 4TH ESTATE ARMORED BRIGADE

## Custom Vehicles Keep Press Alive In Bosnia

by Robert MacKenzie & Chuck Fremont

passed with no word on where the Rover was. Then a BBC team, staying next door to the ITN crew, stopped over with some video they had just shot. "Thought you chaps might be interested in how your Rover looks," they told their ITN counterparts.

They rolled the film, shot at an HVO roadblock. From a ditch up the road, a distinctive vehicle, looking like a cross between a Land-Rover and a Brinks truck, climbed onto the road. It was the ex-African ITN vehicle, but it looked a little different now with a .50-caliber machine gun mounted on the roof.

ITN knew it was not going to be

9/12 Royal Lancers with Scimitar armored reconnaissance vehicle corralled ITN Land-Rover after it was "borrowed" by local Croatian militia. Rover's light armor would have been no match for 30mm Rarden cannon of Scimitar. Royal Lancers (left to right) in front of Scimitar: Cpl. Richmond, Staff Sgt. Gaylor (track commander), Troopers Healey and Ledgard. Photo: Chuck Fremont



easy to get this vehicle back, but they were determined to try. Unlike a big American network, they weren't in a good position to just write it off. The British UNPROFOR forces learned about the situation and kept their eyes open for the ITN Rover.

One night, two Jaguar-engined Scimitar armored reconnaissance vehicles from the 9/12 Royal Lancers corralled the Rover on a narrow road. The British major got out of his Scimitar to "negotiate" with the ranking HVO guy. The Croat pulled a knife on the major, who was backed up by the 30mm Rarden cannon of the Scimitar, now leveled at the Rover.



Bullet-scarred ITN armored Land-Rover was custom built in England for use in Africa. Bullet strikes are probably from 7.62x39mm and/or 7.92mm M76 sniper rifle rounds. Photo: Chuck Fremont



Shorland SB 401 armored car built on older Land-Rover 109-inch chassis by Shorts Brothers Ltd. in Northern Ireland. Steel armor will protect against direct 7.62x51mm fire to 23 meters. Running joke was that "TV" stood for "target vehicle." Photo: Robert K. Brown

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# FAST ATTACK



**Superior mobility wins** wars and has done so for several thousand years now. From antiquity's sea battle of Salamis in 480 B.C., where a light but swift Greek fleet of 370 ships defeated 1,000 heavy Persian galleys, to the German blitzkrieg operations of World War II, optimum mobility has played a vital role in creating favorable situations for high-intensity warfare.

No modern army has concentrated on the concept of high-mobility operations more than the South African Defense Force (SADF). As a consequence it has developed, from what were once nothing more than lightly armored reconnaissance vehicles, AFVs (Armored Fighting Vehicles) whose performance levels stand high above their competition. At the pinnacle of this developmental cycle is the eight-wheel-drive Rooikat (literally "red cat," named for a type of South African lynx).

No authority on armored operations would suggest that wheeled AFVs will ever fully replace tracked Main Battle Tanks (MBTs) in conventional warfare, as tanks have the advantages of heavier armor and increased firepower from their larger-caliber guns. However, is it not possible that with the collapse of the Evil Empire we may have seen the end of so-called "conventional" warfare? Furthermore, in many operational areas, tracked equipment's perceived conventional advantages may actually become handicaps.

In comparison with tracks, wheeled operation — in certain environments — provides exceptional

# ROOIKAT



## First Look At SADF's State-Of-The-Art Armor

by Peter G. Kokalis

Photos courtesy LIW

Technical Editor Peter Kokalis (standing in turret) was most impressed by the Rooikat AFV's whiplashing acceleration, amazing shoot-on-the-move capability and incredible obstacle-crossing maneuverability.

strategic and tactical mobility, lower cost of acquisition and maintenance, simplicity of design, less noise and reduced chance of detection. Additionally, wheeled vehicles sustain less crew exhaustion due to their better ride characteristics, superior buoyancy for amphibious applications, the ability to move out of battle range on run-flat tires — along with much simpler logistical support, less required training, lower fuel consumption, higher maximum speeds and longer ranges without refueling.

Another consideration: Development of high-velocity, Armor-Piercing Fin Stabilized Discarding Sabot (APFSDS) ammunition now provides relatively small-caliber guns with extremely high first-round kill probabilities.

All models of the 8x8 Rooikat, manufactured by LIW (Dept. SOF, 368 Selborne Ave., Lyttelton, P.O. Box 7710, Pretoria 0001, Republic of South Africa; phone: 27-12-620-3135; fax: 27-12-620-3245), meet the requirements for 1990s-era limited-warfare battlefields. Such requirements include devastating firepower, superior tactical and strategic mobility, extended combat range, shoot-on-the-move capability, effective protection, employment of tank-killing ammunition with an integrated fire-control system, night fighting capability and cost-effective procurement.

Operating range for the Rooikat is 1,000km (621.4 miles), with a top highway speed of 120 km/hr (about 74.5 mph). Cross-country speeds of 60 km/hr (close to 37 mph), excellent acceleration and superb





Rooikat 35 mechanized cavalry vehicle is equipped with lightweight 35mm cannon. With high operational speed and superb maneuverability, it can launch lightning-fast attacks and immediately exploit local tactical advantages.

obstacle-crossing capability ensure high tactical agility for this 21st century AFV. A superior level of protection is provided against enemy projectiles, land mines or chemical attacks — even with two wheels destroyed on the same side of its frame, the Rooikat can still limp to safety. The highest level of human engineering is found throughout the vehicle; this greatly enhances crew alertness and efficiency.

This 28-ton AFV normally operates with a crew of four. The 10-cylinder water-cooled diesel engine is mated to an automatic transmission with one reverse and six forward gears. There are dual-circuit drum-type brakes on all eight wheels, with a retarder on the transmission, along with an exhaust brake and a crawl brake. The suspension system consists of internally driven trailing arms coupled with coil springs and hydraulic shock absorbers. The front four of the vehicle's 14.00x20-inch radial run-flat tires are steered by the running gear.

### Rock-'N'-Roll War Wagon

Although available options are almost infinite, there are four basic configurations of the Rooikat system. As first introduced several years ago, the Rooikat 76 model is equipped with a 76mm semiautomatic rifled gun to fire both APFSDS and HE (High Explosive) rounds at muzzle velocities exceeding 5,250 feet per second (fps) and 2,950 fps, respectively. The length of this gun's barrel is 62 calibers (4.71 meters) and it is provided with a thermal shield and concentric Fiberglas fume extractor. This gun's bore features 24 lands with a right-hand twist of one turn in 30 calibers (2.28 meters).

Secondary armament consists of two

caliber 7.62x51mm NATO MG4 machine guns, one coaxially mounted and one turret-mounted. These are highly modified versions of the .30-caliber M1919A4 Browning machine gun, altered to fire from the open-bolt position to prevent "cook-offs" when employed in the sustained-fire role.

Although these secondary machine guns are easily removed, no tripods are provided to employ them in a ground role should the crew have to ditch the vehicle. It is contrary to SADF procedures for armored crews to fight as infantry, yet I question the wisdom of this policy. The crew's four R-4 rifles are stowed onboard.

The gunner's sight is a day/night type featuring an integrated laser range finder and an auxiliary scope. This provides target-acquisition interface with the computerized integrated fire-control system. Ballistic offsets are automatically computed and implemented when the laser range finder is triggered, to compensate for various factors affecting the ammunition ballistics. Total reaction time from lasing to firing is typically less than two seconds.

The Fire Control System (FCS) provides automatic fire control by computing and implementing the ballistic offsets for the selected ammunition type, taking into account the following factors: (1) target range, which can be automatic (determined from the laser range finder), battle range (for close battle conditions), or a manually entered range; (2) target speed, automatically derived by tracking the target; (3) manually entered environmental data, such as air pressure (altitude),

ambient temperature, ammunition temperature and head wind; (4) crosswind speed, which is automatically sensed; (5) weapon tilt or cant, also automatically sensed; (6) vehicle slope, which is manually entered, and (7) gun jump characteristics of the main weapon (manually entered). All this assures incredibly fast reaction time and a high first-round hit probability.

### South African Gun Control

Augmenting the FCS is a state-of-the-art gun control system with solid-state power electronics, along with electric motors controlled by crew hand controllers with commander override. The gun control system's important features include a speed-control range between very low tracking speeds and fast slew rates, silent operation and high efficiency. Digital control in this unit insures drift-free operation, an effective operator interface with test-and-calibration capability and a wide adaptability to vehicle installation.

The Rooikat 35 Mechanized Cavalry Vehicle (MCV) has a turret simi-



Rooikat 35/ZT3 Tank Destroyer — version of Rooikat 35 equipped with pod of three ZT3 Swift laser-guided antitank missiles. Nine more missiles are carried in reserve.

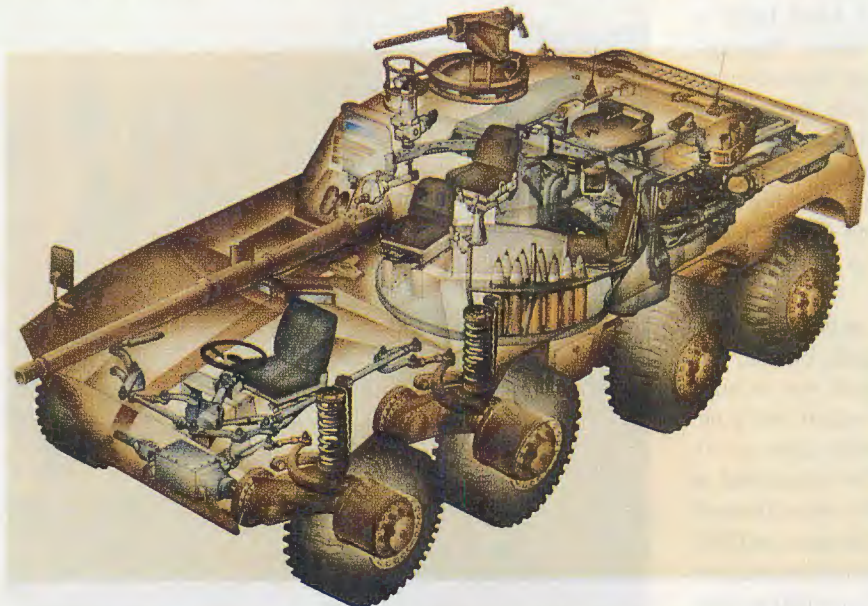
lar to the Rooikat 76's, but is equipped with a lightweight 35mm cannon.

With its high operational speed and superb maneuverability, the Rooikat 35 is ideally suited to periphery raids against command structures or logistical support systems — capable of lightning-like attacks deep behind enemy lines. It is the epitome of a modern patrol vehicle.

Another version of the Rooikat 35 MCV is the 35/ZT3 Tank Destroyer (TD), equipped with a pod of three ZT3 Swift laser-guided antitank missiles mounted on the left side of the



Rooikat 105 Tank Killer fires its GT7 rifled tank gun, which can employ all standard NATO 105mm ammunition.



Rooikat 76 operates normally with crew of four. Shown here are 10-cylinder diesel engine, suspension system and main weapon with fire-control system.

turret roof, complementing the 35mm turret gun. The ZT3 Swift missile can engage MBTs at ranges up to 5,000 meters with a hit probability of 95%. The ZT3 Swift's High-Explosive AntiTank (HEAT) warhead can penetrate more than 650mm of rolled homogeneous armor. In addition to the three missiles carried in ready-to-

launch position, the Rooikat carries nine others in reserve.

The Rooikat 105 Tank Killer is the series' newest model, introduced about a year ago. Its three-man turret is fitted with the GT7 105mm rifled tank gun, with a barrel length of 51 calibers. It has a thermal shield and lightweight Fibreglas fume extractor, but no muzzle

brake. The vertical sliding-block breech mechanism is semiautomatic and features both automatic and manual ejection of spent cartridge cases.

Vertical geometry of the GT7 tank gun permits its installation into the smaller turrets of AFVs. Its extremely compact design features a revolutionary hydro-pneumatic recoil system. The GT7's low number of components increases system reliability through lower maintenance requirements. Maximum recoil length is 600mm. This gun can employ all standard full-pressure NATO 105mm ammunition, to include HEAT, APFSDS, APDS (Armor-Piercing Discarding Sabot), WP (White Phosphorus) and HE types. The GT7's cradle makes provision for mounting the caliber 7.62x51mm NATO MG4 coaxial machine gun, along with a direct coaxial sight.

I was recently provided with an opportunity to take an extensive test ride in a Rooikat 76 at the School of Armor, located in Bloemfontein, Republic of South Africa. While I remain

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# FASCIST FREAK SHOW



## SOF "Celebrates" Hitler's Birthday With Skinheads and Boneheads Of The Fourth Reich

Text & Photos by Rob Krott

**I was invited** to attend Adolf Hitler's birthday celebration this past spring. Yes, I know, "Spring-time for Hitler." It wasn't a formal engraved invitation or anything like that. More like, "What are you doing next week?" I was in Bosnia with a handful of German mercenaries, a couple of whom happened to be ardent "National Socialists." Uwe, 21, aka "Honecker" (because of his East German roots) was the skinhead and avowed National Socialist who invited me to accompany him to Germany for the gala.

Hitler's birthday was April 20th and was to be celebrated on the 17th, a Saturday. We left Tomislavgrad, Bosnia, for Mannheim, Germany, on April 13th. The plan was to infil from Bosnia by bus, getting off in Austria where we'd be picked up by Honecker's friends who would drive us to Germany. On the way to Austria, Honecker described a little incident the police had yet to link him to: He infiltrated a left-wing group, spent some time in their hangout and left a bomb made from model rocket boosters in their recreation room. He blew up their foosball table. I'm sure that makes some kind of statement about the world we live in; I'm just not sure what it is.

The trip from Bosnia to Austria was largely uneventful and we soon linked up with our Nazi contact. Manfred Huck was his name and his beat-up Honda (yeah, I know, shouldn't a real Nazi drive a Mercedes or at least a Volkswagen?) was our ticket to the rally. With a hoop earring in each ear, a high-pitched nervous voice and extremely limp wrists, Manfred had that skinny, anemic look seen on male hairdressers with AIDS and lead guitar players in MTV videos. About the only thing this guy



Self-proclaimed Nazi poses in front of Third Reich eagle and swastika.

might have in common with Ernst Roehm is a taste for boys.

As I sat in the front passenger seat, I couldn't help but notice the dash was covered with decals and stickers bearing left-wing slogans, including one rather large photo decal of two naked men embracing and exhorting — as only German homosexuals can “exhort” — the practice of safe sex.

### Following The Phallus To The Fuehrer's Festival

After an hour or two my curiosity overcame my cautious silence and I asked Manfred about them (not the naked boys, the decals in general). Manfred explained that he put the stickers there to keep the commies from trashing his car, which is what they'd do if he had right-wing decals prominently displayed. Well, then what about the National Socialists (which I was beginning to learn was the right wing's

have to eat, because perhaps, um, well, you must get something. So, what do you, what must you have?” The World War II Hollywood German bad-guy English was really getting to me. No sleep for 30 hours and any minute I expected somebody to snap on a light, splash water in my face and ask me where I was hiding Anne Frank.

After buying food we found our way to Manfred's one-bedroom apartment in Heidelberg, which he shares with a very obese Nazi complete with muttonchop sideburns and beady eyes. Manfred's room is half of the kitchen, I think. The walls were decorated with Nazi posters, slogans, and of course, photos of *der Fuehrer*. Manfred and friend were not the tidiest of individuals. The half-eaten TV dinners I saw then were still laying around five days later. We traveled from there to a safehouse near Mannheim where we holed



Formation to organize FAP (Free German Worker's Party) regional banners before long-winded speeches and singing of Nazi songs no one knew the words to.

politically correct term for Nazis, skinheads, and swastika-lovers in general) — wouldn't they then trash this commie, homo-fag, no-nukes-mobile? No, no, he said, everyone knew it was his car. So for the next eight hours I sat in front of a photo of two naked men, one of whom displayed a distressingly large and uncircumcised member. Not exactly what you have in mind when the travel agent says, “... Scenic trip through Germany.”

Eventually we reached the Heidelberg area where we stopped for breakfast at the German version of Winn-Dixie, then shopped for groceries.

Manfred was very insistent that I make some food choices. I told him I'd eat whatever everybody else was eating (don't get the wrong idea). That wasn't good enough for him. “So, you must pick something yes, you must get something to



The proud, the (thankfully) few. Standard skinhead/hooligan uniform: black flight jackets, shaved heads, jump boots, ski masks or bandannas.

up for the next two days in an unfinished basement apartment with “Sandra,” a young female National Socialist. She was the first of many female Nazi sympathizers I was to



Sticks and stones ... and (inset) spike grenades l'orange: High-tech weaponry for leading-edge shock troops.

meet in the next week. Her flat looked like any normal working girl's place except that hanging on her living room wall was the same Hitler plaque I'd seen at Manfred's.

### Mein AIDS Kampf?

The next day, Thursday, Manfred stopped by on his way to buy bandages for the demonstration on Saturday. He said he also needed to buy some rubber gloves. I reminded myself to be sure and score some gloves, better yet, I decided to just ignore any bleeding Nazis, especially if they looked like Manfred, the German candidate for AIDS victim poster boy. On Friday Manfred picked us up ... wait, let me rephrase that ... for the ride up to Mainz. We piled into the Honda which was already crowded with ball bats, ax handles, entrenching tools and various items of equipment, including some hand-held radios I had to show Manfred how to work and tell him which batteries they needed.

We were all dressed in blue jeans, jump boots and nylon flight jackets; typical blue-collar German right-wing duds, but Manfred wanted to change his clothes. On the way to his apartment we dropped off one Nazi who still lived with his mommy. Manfred came out of his room wearing a brown-shirt uniform complete with Sam Browne belt and highly illegal NSDAP swastika pin. Quite the fashion statement. Still, I had to tie his tie for him. So much for the leaders of Germany's retreaded National Socialist juggernaut.

It turns out Manfred is the leader (and sole member) of *Aktionspartei Nationalrevolutionärer Kameraden* — Action Party of National Revolutionary Comrades (ANK). Yes, what a mouthful. But it is the long-standing custom in Germany that all obscure political groups must have names with at least 35 letters spelling out words that are incomprehensible. So, anyway, since he's the entire constituency of ANK, he had to stop at a copy shop and make up some propaganda flyers. Joseph Goebbels would not have been impressed.

The idea had been to leave early in the morning and make it to Mainz before the police set up any checkpoints. We made the starting time OK, getting out of Mannheim early, but all Manfred's dicking around with brown-shirt

uniforms sans clip-on ties and please-join-my-Nazi-organization announcements screwed up the timetable. And I always thought Germans were punctual. These guys didn't seem to be any relation to the ones who rolled over France in two weeks.

We arrived at the "compound" in Mainz in the late afternoon. The compound is located near a Toyota dealership and is actually a small farm belonging to Kurt Mueller. Mueller, 63, is the leader of *Kampfgruppe Mueller*, an umbrella organization for 21 National Socialist political groups or factions, with most numbering only a

handful of people and in some cases consisting of one guy with a word processor and a jar of change for the copy machine.

Shortly after arriving, Manfred removed his earrings. Whether my wry comment about never seeing a brown shirt with earrings before had anything to do with it I don't know. Now he looked like the spitting image of a concentration camp crossing guard. Why do these guys get off on



Shrine to a dead ideology, with runic symbols and illegal swastika. Note object leaning on tree at right, used to tidy the shrine: a putsch broom.

dressing up in these uniforms? Don't they have Boy Scouts in Germany? Manfred also covered his homosexual safe-sex decals with other, less obscene stickers. Which really made my day because I'd still not gotten accustomed to having those pictures in my face. By now he was carrying a small aid kit, an entrenching tool to be used as a weapon and was wearing a medic's red-cross armband. Why, I don't know. Maybe it was because uniforms like this just don't look correct without *some* kind of an armband. Maybe he thought the armband would keep him from being whacked in the head by anti-fascist protesters after they got an eyeful of his I-wannabe-Dr. Mengele-when-I-grow-up costume.

For the first six hours or so I was the only blond, blue-eyed person in the compound. So much for the master race.



Everybody loves a parade — especially if you can cobble up some uniforms and a flag. Friedhelm Busse and a DM 10,000 beer-belly led the Danish delegation throughout the compound during HitlerFest '93.

My physical appearance, heavily accented bastard German, and the fact that I'd just left Bosnia got me in good with Mrs. Mueller, who couldn't keep from mussing my hair whenever she walked by. This "rapport" gained me permission to snap photos, despite her husband's page-long edict of permissible conduct, which explicitly forbade any picture taking ... *Achtung! Photos Sind Verboten!*

### Partei Crashers

Since it was Friday and I had mistakenly assumed there was some kind of street march planned for Saturday, I thought we would just be staying the night. I asked Manfred what time we were going to leave the next day for downtown Mainz. "No, no, we stay here." What? After I asked a few more questions Manfred explained that all the people coming for the celebration would stay here and that this is where the celebration was to be held. Whoa, pardner, wait a minute. I asked him how many National Socialists would show up. He said about 500. OK, this "assembly area" could handle that, I figured. I could see some tents pitched down by the "hall," a concrete-floored utility shed with a loft. Now just how many "communists" were supposed to crash the party and bust heads? "Oh, about 3,000." "Oh, hell ..."

I slipped away to scope out an escape route just in case 3,000 pissed-off, club-wielding, anti-Nazi demonstrators, communist or not, actually decided to show up.

On the way I was accosted by a graying hustler in black leather pants hawking Hitler plaques and various Nazi gee-gaws from a cardboard briefcase. Yes, yes, *very nice* I told him, but sorry I don't have any money. Besides, I didn't need a plastic Hitler or miniature bronzed jackboots.

Throughout the afternoon and early evening, celebrants for the big birthday bash began to trickle in. The standard uniform, for the hardcore skinheads at least, seemed to be the ubiquitous black nylon flight jacket, jeans, jump boots and some sort of Celtic cross insignia (a placebo for the outlawed swastika). A few characters were wearing the new *Bundeswehr* cammies or old Austrian spotty camo uniforms

because they're similar to the old SS field camouflage. There were also a few more brown shirts running around. With all the costuming the place looked like the sound stage for a bad, I mean *bad*, B-movie. The only thing missing was the chain saws. I half-expected some bimbo actress to show up in black leather and Nazi regalia (with spike heels and a whip, of course), shouting horrendously bad dialog like, "Crawl worm. ... I am the Bitch of Buchenwald!" [Hey, we all have our fantasies, OK.]

But the getups were outrageous, especially given the physiques of some of these people. I saw some seriously fat boys in SS uniforms sporting beer bellies big enough to be considered major accomplishments in certain parts of Alabama. In fact, most of the "Nazis" bore no resemblance whatsoever to the fantasy stereotype of the "master race." I suppose you could rationalize this by claiming all the Nordic-god types got their stuff blown away in places like Stalingrad, Kursk, Normandy, and the Ardennes before they had a chance to contribute to the gene pool. That — or moved to Cleveland after the war. Or maybe only the real losers, physical as well as intellectual, join the modern-day German Nazi parties.

### Freelance Fuehrers

"Homes," one of the skinhead German National Socialist Bosnian mercenaries (how's that for a label?) that I knew from the King Tomislav Brigade had filled me in on who was who in the FAP (*Freiheitliche Deutsche Arbeiter Partei* — Free German Worker's Party). The FAP is the largest legal neo-Nazi party in Germany and numbers about 900-1,000 members. Not much of a political party until you remember the NSDAP of 1938 started out as a bunch of drunks in a beer hall. A few years ago the FAP fragmented into several offshoot organizations: It seems

## I slipped away to scope out an escape route just in case 3,000 pissed-off, club-wielding, anti-Nazi demonstrators, communist or not, actually decided to show up.

everyone wants to be the new "Fuehrer."

Two of the Nazi "luminaries" Homes told me about showed up Saturday morning. I met Friedhelm Busse, leader of the FAP. With him was Siegfried "SS Siggie" Roland Borchardt, one of Busse's lieutenants and the leader of the FAP in Nordrhein-Westfalen. I talked to them for awhile until Busse said, "Excuse me, I must go and be with my people." People? Hah, so much for an empire ... teenagers and whackos. And the new Fuehrer he ain't. It was all I could do to keep a serious face and not spout some smart-ass comment like, "I knew Adolf Hitler and you're no Adolf Hitler. ..."

I began walking around the inside of the fenced-in com-

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# DEATH ON THE NILE

## Muslim Fanatics Target Tourists

Text & Photos by Len McGrane



Strict fundamentalist woman wears total veil. Muslim extremists' women live grim lives, seldom contacting non-fundamentalists.

**Planting the bomb in Cairo's** biggest city square couldn't have been easier. The target was a completely open sidewalk cafe, the Wadi El-Nil.

On top of this, Cairo was swinging — it was the fifth night of Ramadan in late February, when most Muslims don't eat, drink any sort of beverage, smoke or have sex from dawn till dusk. This would continue for as much of the lunar month as could be managed. Eating and everything else occurred from dusk to dawn. On the night of the bombing, big crowds were out on the streets, while Wadi El-Nil was filled with laid-back locals and young world travelers hunched over water pipes and little cups of Turkish coffee.

Above all else, one factor made this bombing effortless — it had never been done in Tahrir Square before. No one expected a thing, so the guy simply stopped among some tables for a second, set down his small bag containing the bomb, then hurried off.

Cool and willing to kill. Meet a religious fanatic, a Muslim fundamentalist sworn to bring down the government of Egypt and replace it with seventh-century Arabia. His bomb was an idiot device — just a handful of TNT, heavily laced with nails and topped with a lit fuse. And the most likely reason that no one nearby noticed the bomb sizzling away must have been that its fuse was short. In fact, some observers at first assumed an Egyptian killed in the blast had delivered the bomb. While this might have been the easiest answer, survivors are sure the dead man was one of them — an innocent.

So the bomb went off at 2040 and instantly three people were dead: a Swede, a Turk and the Egyptian. Covered in blood, 19 others, including eight tourists from America and Germany, were rushed to a hospital.

When I arrived at the Wadi El-Nil, it was obvious this explosive device had been low-level. I've seen a hand-carried bomb bring down a six-story building in Peshawar, Pakistan. This bomb had only dented the cafe's floor, but for the moment it was enough. The ultimate target lay across the city square — where foreigners slept at the Nile Hilton or visited the world-famous Egyptian Museum.

### Deadly Holidays

Anti-government Islamic fundamentalists are preying on tourists as a brand-new terror tactic. Beginning in July 1992, they have unleashed a wave of attacks on foreign visitors, strafing buses, firing at cruise boats and lobbing homemade bombs at tourist vehicles. Execution of this campaign has been mostly amateur, but late last year Muslim terrorists managed to kill a young British nurse and wound five Germans; then came the 26 February cafe casualties at Wadi El-Nil. "Attacking tourism is a strategy to strike at the government," one fundamentalist told a news agency.

It's a strike that hurts, because tourists are easy to scare away. Tourism recently became Egypt's biggest provider of foreign currency, with some \$3 billion (U.S.) in foreign exchange derived from tourists during the 1991-92 season. This was three times what the country earned during the same period from Suez Canal taxes, Egypt's No. 2 foreign income source. The government can't afford to lose a cent of tourist revenue, but it is losing this and much more.

In light of the fundamentalist attacks, tourists have been staying away in droves. According to Fouad Sultan, the tourism minister, Egypt had lost almost \$1 billion from this

year's anticipated tourist revenues at the time of this writing.

But the government isn't standing still. On 8 July, seven radical Muslims were hanged after being found guilty by a military court of attacking tourists, government officials and police. Two of the seven condemned were accused of training in Afghanistan for the Muslim insurrection. Another 32 defendants received lengthy prison sentences at hard labor from the same court.

A new man has been appointed to head the tourist police, General Mohammed Ali Talaat, former security director for the Ministry of the Interior. Talaat's Arabic name means "fox" — when I visited his noisy headquarters, he looked every bit as cunning, wearing a well-cut suit with his gray hair swept back. Laughing, Talaat said his biggest problem during Ramadan was trying to go without a cigarette, but his professionalism showed through.

"That bomb in the Tahrir Square cafe?" Talaat leaned across his desk and his eyes narrowed. "It tells me three things about these people. One, they don't have the organization to go into a major tourist site. Those places are all guarded. Wadi El-Nil was simple to get at.

"Two, they don't have advanced bomb-making skills — they just used TNT. And, three, they have no hope of

**8 June 1993 — Demolished car on busy Cairo street shows damage from "nail bomb," which disperses shrapnel over wide area. Terrorists hurled bomb from railway bridge in background, aimed at packed tour bus traveling just behind this car. Bus carried 49 British tourists and numerous Egyptians headed for Pyramids of Giza. One man killed, 14 people injured. Photo: Reuters/Bettman**





## TERRORISM: DAY BY DAY

More than 130 people have died through political violence in Egypt over the past 15 months. Muslim fundamentalists are determined to undermine Egypt's vital tourism industry. Authorities are hitting back hard, but 1993 vacationing in Cairo seems riskier by the day.

**18 July** — Terrorist attack on army general's car near City of the Dead leaves four killed, six wounded. Ambush apparently launched to retaliate for Cairo executions of Muslim extremists one day earlier.

**17 July** — Five Muslim militants hung in Cairo, three for attempted assassination of cabinet minister, two others for bombing tourist attractions.

**8 July** — Seven Muslim fundamentalists hanged by Egyptian government for attacking tourists, government officials and police. Two of condemned accused of training in Afghanistan, then promoting terrorism by Egyptian Muslims. Thirty-two others receive long-term prison sentences at hard labor.

**26 June** — Arrests of eight Muslim fundamentalists plotting to bomb major New York City sites, along with U.S. cruise missile attack on Baghdad, Iraq, prompts first worldwide travel advisory for American tourists since Gulf War.

**24 June** — Three Egyptian police killed, three others wounded in two attacks by Muslim fundamentalists in southern Egypt.

**19 June** — Terrorist guerrillas attack Asyut railway station, kill one Egyptian policeman, wound three others; one attacker killed.

**18 June** — Fourth Cairo bombing in one month kills two, injures 18; recent public incidents involve deadly "nail bombs," which kill indiscriminately and were previously denounced by fundamentalist groups.

**13 June** — Egypt executes fundamentalist who plotted to overthrow government; first such death penalty since Sadat's assassins executed in 1982 (another Muslim is put to death on 23 June — more such executions to follow).

**8 June** — Bomb dropped from bridge aimed at packed Pyramids tour bus injures five Britons, kills one Egyptian, wounds nine others; this incident, combined with other 1993 assaults on visitors, believed to have sabotaged Egypt's tourism profits for coming year.

**19 May** — Egypt arrests some 820 members of fundamentalist revolutionary group, called Vanguard of the New Holy Struggle, for plotting insurrection.

**17 May** — Egypt disconnects direct-dial phone service to foreign Islamic nations, so that radicals in exile cannot easily control local followers.

**20 April** — Egypt's information minister, Safwat el-Sherif, ambushed outside his suburban Cairo home by group of Muslim extremists wielding SMGs; however, Sherif escapes with slight wound.

**11 April** — Bomb discovered onboard bus carrying German tourists in Cairo.

**3 April** — More than 700 Muslim militants arrested over four-day period in Egyptian police crackdown.

**31 March** — Explosion rocks interior of Pyramid of Chephren, Egyptian tourist attraction; police have no suspects.

**29 March** — Three bombs explode in southern Nile River city of Aswan.

**18 March** — Egypt kicks off major offensive aimed at "liquidating" rebel Muslim fundamentalists.

**17 March** — Nine-hour gunfight outside Al-Rahma mosque in Asyut results in 10 Muslim fundamentalists and one Egyptian policeman killed.

**10 March** — Police raid on Aswan mosque kills nine Muslims.

the 1991-92 season was safer for tourists than most other countries were.

Talaat noted how out of 2.8 million visitors to Egypt, just two tourist rapes were reported in the '91-'92 season. If you calculate the body count of 1992-93 terrorist attacks on tourists against the overall number of foreign visitors to Egypt for the same time period, the odds are still OK for tourists. Yet Egypt's government estimates there are 10,000 Muslim extremists active in a war on tourists. For visitors, this number takes the gloss off any cheery odds.

Throughout most of 1992, tourists alone had to gamble on encountering terrorists in Egypt; however, this changed last December. Leaflets began appearing in Asyut warning that foreign embassies in Cairo would also be targets for Muslim extremists.

As *SOF* went to press, no foreign embassies in Egypt had been attacked thus far in 1993. On 4 March, however, fax machines jerked to life in foreign firms' Cairo offices and in schools for expatriate kids. From fundamentalists in the Afghan mujahideen stronghold of Peshawar came a grim warning. It couldn't have been clearer: Foreigners living and working in Egypt were to sell up and clear out. Those who disobeyed would be attacked. *Our slogan may soon become 'Investment, not investors,'* the message went on, closing with ravings against Egypt's government for straying from the path of Islam.

This path is a narrow one for the fundamentalists. There's no place on it for immoral Western tourists, for instance. "[Westerners] drink alcohol, wear indecent clothes and expose their bodies," one fundamentalist told reporters.

"They bring us calamities like the outbreak of AIDS, perversion among our youth, widespread drugs and spying."

Nonsense, of course; decadent tourists are hard to find here. Most visitors are grandmothers, for one thing. Find someone drinking alcohol and it's just as likely to be a local as a tourist. At the most, there may be a few backpackers swimming nude on one of the Red Sea's magnificent isolated coral beaches. But if dead tourists are innocent, that's not a problem for the militants. "He who warns is excused," a fundamentalist explained to a news agency.

### Allah's Assassins

In the Islamic paradise of the gun-toting extremists, everyone will live religiously — whether they want to or not. Arabic newspapers report heavily indoctrinated Muslim women are also involved, actively recruiting girls into their grim way of life: marriage to a fundamentalist, total veiling and very little contact with non-extremists.

Fundamentalists have been pushing for this dream Mus-

success. They killed and injured 22 innocent people. When you play political games, you need to make friends. In Tahrir, they turned the ordinary people of Cairo against them."

### The Fox Fights Back

"Ali the Fox" has 1,650 of his uniformed officers and plainclothesmen to coordinate informers and cordon off the crowds who still come to what has been a major tourist destination for centuries. In a fleet of 100 new cars, freshly trained police crews ride shotgun for tour buses traveling through Egypt's eastern-central region around Asyut, a fair-sized city some 320km downriver from Cairo along the Nile, where Muslim fundamentalists count on a lot of popular support.

Informer networks are humming more and more, as the interior ministry's No. 2 man, Gen. Bhaa El-Din Ibrahim, assured me. But Muslim terrorists work in cells, making it difficult to unzip a large number of names in any one operation, he added. In fact, for ordinary crimes, Egypt in



"This is an anti-government urban guerrilla war powered by fanatics who are taught that Islam matters above everything else and that a paradise of wine, women and song awaits everyone martyred in the cause of Islam."

lim state for decades. Their fathers and elder brothers assassinated Egyptian President Anwar Sadat on 6 October 1981 because he was not Islamic enough. An immediate crackdown netted most of those players. Yet some slipped away, including the blind Muslim cleric, Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, who wound up in Jersey City, New Jersey.

After Sadat's murder, U.S. courts couldn't implicate Abdel-Rahman, but this past March he was tagged by the FBI as the likely source of inspiration for New York's bungling World Trade Center bombers. Egypt has meanwhile begun retrial proceedings against the blind sheik.

By 1990, Egypt's Islamic fundamentalists had regrouped in two main areas: the slums of Cairo and the small towns around Asyut. Until his December 1992 arrest for anti-government activism, a man known as Sheik Gabber led one of the main Muslim fundamentalist groups in Cairo. I was recently taken up an unpaved back lane in the city's slum of Imbaba to meet a woman who knew him.

At the door, the 19-year-old, unmarried Amina (not her real name) stepped back when she saw me. She slipped a long, soft dress over her pajamas, hid her hair in a scarf and only then asked my translator and me into her home. It was like going into a dungeon: no windows, a single light bulb, broken floor tiles, no chairs, but two beds. A religious calendar featuring verses from the Koran served as the room's only decoration while a battered radio provided religious music.

### Warrior From The Dark Ages

Behind this pitiful dwelling was the house where Sheik Gabber had lived with one of his four wives. And next door to Amina's was the hottest place in the whole slum — a makeshift mosque Gabber once used as a base for his red-hot, anti-government preaching and social work. "It was left empty by the builder for shop space or maybe a mosque," Amina explained. "Sheik Gabber came and took it over. He would be there every day, preaching and praying. Lots of young men listened.

"He also laid down the law in Imbaba. My neighbor told

me of a boy who lived near here, in Atmad Street. He ... " Amina lowered her voice " ... did something to a girl. Sheik Gabber brought the boy to him and said he would kill him if he didn't marry the girl. He married her!

"Someone would say a certain video shop had sex videos. Gabber's boys would go and ask for one. If the shopkeeper produced the video, they would smash the shop. Or clear people out and put a bomb in it. I've heard this happened on Tanani Street."

The handsome Gabber was also quick with marriage. He'd already married three wives — Islam permits as many as four — when a 16-year-old who prayed in Gabber's mosque explained to the sheik how his father had died, so no one could care for the family. The youth asked Gabber to solve the problem by marrying his widowed mother. Gabber obliged even though

he had never seen her.

Wanted for some time by authorities for his anti-government activities, Gabber's two-year rule over Imbaba ended last December when the owner of a video shop spotted the sheik taking an evening meal to the house of his new fourth wife. This shopkeeper called the police, who arrested Gabber in his wife's house.

"There were people who hated him," Amina admitted.



Police patrol Cairo suburb of Shubra. Tourists in Egypt are actually far safer from conventional crimes such as robbery or rape than they would be in most countries. But an estimated 10,000 active Muslim extremists targeting visitors keep many foreigners and their money elsewhere.

"But they were the people who had felt his rule. When he was arrested, people cried!" She had also wept. Reaching under her thin mattress, Amina pulled out a creased newspaper clipping — the front-page photo showed Gabber being arrested.

Gabber really dragged a lot of people living in Imbaba back toward the Middle Ages. When I tried to take photos in the slum, they repeatedly got nasty. Photographs were

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**Whatever happened** to John Browning's M1911 caliber .45 ACP (Automatic Colt Pistol) single-action semiautomatic pistol? Has it been buried beneath a mountain of high-capacity, low-performance, double-action 9mm semiautos? These latter beauties have sure done a number on U.S. law enforcement employment of revolvers. You can buy Model 10 Smith & Wesson .38 Special six-guns — police trade-ins in excellent condition — for about \$100 each.

The latest police and gun writers' fetish is the .40 S&W cartridge stuffed into a double-action "wondernine" envelope. It's an effective round, albeit less so than the .45 ACP.

However, in truth, Colt's M1911-series pistols have never been popular with police administrators more familiar with Handgun Control Inc. than with handguns. Uniformed police strutting about with .45 Government Models strapped to their belts in "condition one" (a round in the chamber, a full magazine seated in place, the hammer fully cocked and the thumb safety engaged) conjure images of reckless abandon and overkill too frightening for these paper-shuffling desk jockeys to contemplate.

The M1911 was designed for the U.S. armed forces, not for police departments. Its popularity outside the military has always resided within a small but vociferous group of cognoscenti composed of competition shooters, self-defense enthusiasts and professional pistoleros, along with a smattering of law-enforcement personnel with greater-than-average knowledge of firearms and wound ballistics. And believe me, among those of us in the group just described, the single-action M1911 is still, in one form or another, very much alive.

It all started long ago when Brigadier General William Crozier was appointed Chief of Army Ordnance by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1901. In 1904 the general created a board of two officers, Colonel John T. Thompson (Ordnance) and Col. Louis A. LaGarde (Medical Corps), to resolve the small-and-fast vs. large-and-slow handgun caliber controversy. After the board's tests were completed, LaGarde concluded, "The board was of the opinion that a bullet which will have the shock effect and stopping power at short ranges necessary for a military pistol or revolver should have a caliber not less than .45."

### Breaking In The Colt

The first full-fledged U.S. tests on seven semiautomatic pistols and two revolvers of this caliber took place in 1907. Colt, Savage and Luger caliber .45 pistols made it through the first round of trials, but the Luger was subsequently withdrawn from further U.S. trials by its manufacturer, the Deutsche Waffen und Munitionsfabriken.

Field tests conducted in 1908 were less satisfactory for the Colt entries. They snapped sears and went full-auto, broke firing pins and jammed constantly. The Savage design fared even worse. After a great deal of revision and improvement to both the Colt and Savage pistols, the final trials commenced on 15 March 1911. The Colt Model of 1911, Special Army serial No. 5, demolished the Savage

# PINNACLE OF PERFECTION

## Browning's .45 Concept Reaches Zenith In Para- Ordnance P12.45

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Para-Ordnance P12.45 — the perfect package: a .45 ACP M1911A1-type pistol in a reduced envelope with increased magazine capacity.



entry. While the Savage had only 37 stoppages in 6,000 rounds fired, the Colt had none. U.S. Army Ordnance officially adopted the Colt pistol on 28 March 1911.

Development of the .45 automatic pistol cartridge generally paralleled that of the handgun itself. The round that was to become the official cartridge used during the first pistol trials was developed at Frankford Arsenal and was unofficially referred to as the Model 1906 Cal. 45 Automatic Pistol Ball Cartridge. It had a brass rimless case with a bullet-seating cannellure and was loaded with a 230-grain, cupronickel-jacketed bullet traveling at 800 feet per second (fps).

In 1907, the Union Metallic Cartridge Co. (UMC) received a government order to manufacture 100,000 rounds of caliber .45 automatic pistol ammunition with a shorter case than the Frankford Arsenal cartridge. In 1909, UMC was given an additional order for 200,000 rounds of their shorter cartridge with an added case cannellure and a knurled cannellure on the bullet. This round, with the primer pocket made slightly smaller (to avoid confusion with the .30 caliber rifle primer) and the bullet cannellure deleted, was adopted in the summer of 1911 and first manufactured in that year at Frankford Arsenal.

The original pistol design was modified by the U.S. government in 1921. The alterations included an arched and checkered mainspring housing, a shorter trigger, recessed cuts on both sides of the frame to accommodate the trigger

finger, a longer horn on the safety and also a slightly shortened hammer spur. After this, the designation was changed to M1911A1.

During eight decades of its existence, the Colt Government Model .45 has been copied innumerable times. Foreign copies have included the Spanish Star, the Norwegian Model 1914, the Argentine Model 1927, the Ballester-Molina and the more recent Norinco version imported by China Sports. Domestic clones have carried the logos of AMT, Arminex, Auto-Ordnance, Crown City Arms, New Detonics, Randall, Safari Arms (now Olympic Arms) and of the off-again, on-again Springfield Armory (with components actually made at the Fabrica de Itajuba in Brazil). There have been others, most now long deceased.

### **Browning's Blueprint**

In every instance, the method of operation has remained exactly that as perfected by John Moses Browning. Locked-breech and short recoil-operated, the barrel and slide are locked together by two ribs on top of the barrel at the chamber end, which engage two recesses in the underside of the slide.

Securely locked together during the moment of high chamber pressure, the barrel and slide travel rearward a short distance, still firmly mated to each other. During recoil, the barrel swings backward on its link, which is





Midst a shower of sparks from burning powder granules and a cloud of smoke, the Para-Ordnance P12.45 exhibits very little muzzle jump after the bullet leaves the barrel—a result of advanced human engineering.

attached to the frame by the slide-stop pin passing through it. As rearward travel continues, the barrel is forced downward and away from the slide. The barrel's rearward travel ceases when it strikes its stop in the frame, while the slide continues backward to complete extraction and ejection of the empty case before rebounding, by means of the recoil spring, to strip and chamber another round from the magazine.

Every one of these clones and copies employed a single-column, detachable box-type magazine with a capacity of seven rounds — exactly that of the original. In 1988, Para-Ordnance Manufacturing Inc. (Dept. SOF, 3411 McNicoll Ave., Unit 14, Scarborough, Ontario M1V 2V6 Canada; phone: 416-297-7855) introduced the first really significant change to John Browning's design in 77 years — a high-capacity frame conversion kit featuring a 13-round staggered-column magazine.

Para-Ordnance's first product was introduced in 1987 — the Model 85 Dye Marking Tactical Machine Pistol. Conceived, designed and developed as a close-quarters combat training device, the all-plastic, selective-fire Model 85 fires dye-marking capsules of soft gelatin, using the explosive force of a large-pistol primer to cycle the mechanism to and propel the projectile without causing it to rupture in its unique, patented cartridge nor in the barrel.

While popular, the Para-Ordnance M1911A1 frame-conversion kits required other components not always available without stripping an existing firearm. The kits were limited in performance and reliability by the quality of the parts they were mated to and the competency of the assembler — both of the latter limitations were beyond Para-Ordnance's control. Kits for this configuration are still available.

Announced more than three years ago, the Para-Ordnance P14.45 pistol was an immediate success. And, while more ammunition is not necessarily better — especially if it only serves to provide improperly trained personnel with more bullets to indiscriminately throw downrange — there are occasions when an additional six rounds might serve experienced personnel as more than just a placebo.

But the P14.45 is a Government Model configuration, with a 5-inch barrel and an overall length of 8.5 inches; service pistols of this size are not easily concealable. What armed professionals needed was an M1911A1 system with expanded magazine capacity in a reduced envelope: Enter the eagerly awaited compact Para-Ordnance P12.45 (for which no frame conversion kits are presently offered).

As delivered to *Soldier Of Fortune* for test and evaluation, the P12.45 pistol has a 3.5-inch barrel with an overall length of 7.125 inches. At its widest point — in the grip frame area — the P12.45 measures 1.325 inches with a total circumference of 5.5 inches. This latter dimension is almost ¼-inch less than the circumference around the grip area of an M1911A1 with an arched mainspring housing. This is a function of the newly designed thin black-plastic grip panels (featuring shorter retaining

screws) and of the rounded, bevel-edged front strap, neither of which were features in the original P14.45 pistol. The height of the P12.45 is 5 inches.

#### Further Firepower — Sleek Package

With an aluminum-alloy frame, as supplied to *SOF*, the P12.45 weighs only 24 ounces, empty and without its 2-ounce magazine. When provided with an optional steel frame the weight goes up to 34 ounces, empty and without a magazine. When fully loaded with 12 rounds, the alloy-frame P12.45 weighs less than an M1911A1 loaded with eight rounds.

The alloy frame, a mill-finished 6061 T6 aluminum-alloy investment casting, has been heat-treated and also black hard-coat anodized. Both the plunger tube and threaded grip-panel bushings are cast integral with the frame. The former modification is a distinct improvement over the original design, as M1911A1 plunger tubes often have to be restaked after extensive firing. However, I have mixed feelings about integral threaded bushings in an aluminum frame that accepts steel screws. If you strip the threads out of these bushings, you have for all practical purposes just trashed the entire frame. Although often irritating, M1911A1 grip-panel bushings can at least be replaced.

The front of the frame's magazine-well is slightly beveled to facilitate tactical reloading. As the Para-Ordnance magazine is steeply tapered, there is no need to bevel the sides of the magazine-well. The magazine catch/release button is injection-molded from black polymer, as is the trigger which has vertical grooves. An optional long trigger is also available; this was installed to fit my large hands. The flat mainspring housing is also an injection-molded black polymer component. The frame's front strap has nine integrally cast vertical-gripping grooves.

A rear projection on each of the new, ultra-thin, black-plastic grip panels covers an exposed slot on either side of the frame, required by the wider P12.45 trigger stirrup. The grip panels have a molded checkered pattern, each with the

## PUSHING THE P12.45 TO NEUROTIC LEVELS

Devotees of the Colt M1911A1 series are never satisfied. For more than a half-century, pistolsmiths have been filing, stoning, polishing, grinding, soldering, welding, hammering and changing parts on the .45 auto pistol — Why? Is the design defective? Is it poorly executed in production series? Not at all. This constant tinkering is no more nor less than an expression of devotion for what is arguably the best combat handgun that ever slapped leather.

Many still carry the M1911A1 into danger's deepest shadows. Professionals whose lives may well depend on this tool of the trade will spare no expense to obtain its ultimate degree of reliability and performance. Is this obsession for perfection any different from that of the professional auto racer's?

Richard K. Becker (Dept. SOF, 1202 Crestview Drive S.E., Cedar Rapids, IA 52403) is one of these perfectionists. A Korean War veteran who served as a sniper in the U.S. Army's 508th Airborne Regiment, Becker is a current International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC) competitor and race-gun builder. More than being just a competent gunsmith, Becker specializes in bringing M1911A1-type pistols to their highest possible states of combat readiness. There are others who take on this challenge, but none better than Becker.

Even those with no more than a passing knowledge of the M1911A1 will be familiar with its customary external modifications. These include extended and ambidextrous thumb safeties, wide grip safeties, target bushings, high-profile sights, custom grip panels, extended magazine-release buttons, triggers of various lengths and other doodads. Some of these options are little more than unnecessary gingerbread.

Of greater importance is what happens to the M1911A1's guts when a gun surgeon of Becker's caliber (no pun intended) starts to operate. The aluminum alloy-framed Para-Ordnance P12.45 needs no more attention than any other M1911A1 pistol. In fact, its frame is well-made and superbly mill-finished; overall, the P12.45's quality is far above what now shuffles out of Colt's outmoded facility in Hartford, Connecticut. Nevertheless,

so impressed was I with the P12.45's potential that I sent our test specimen to Becker with instructions to go neurotic.

Most of the surgery performed on our P12.45 involved no more than judicious polishing and stoning — requiring far more finesse and experience than needed to install aftermarket gimmicks. Becker carefully stoned and polished the pistol's feed ramp, breech face, firing-pin stop, extractor claw and slide recess, along with the recess on the Series 80 extractor itself and the three-leaf spring (sear leaf, trigger-return leaf and grip-safety leaf).

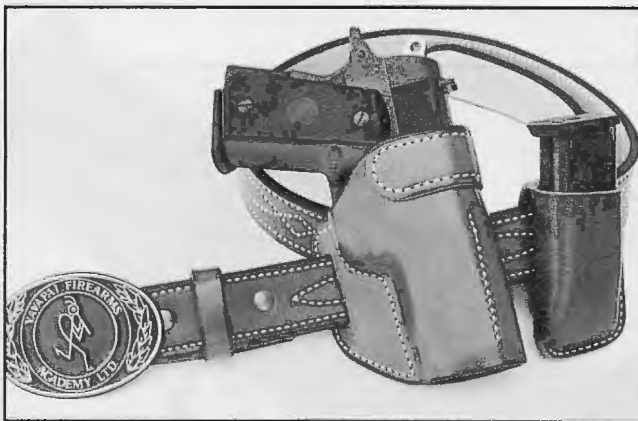
Becker also polished the outside edge of the sear leaf, as well as the sear face, disconnecter, hammer, sear catch, grip safety tang, inside and outside of the trigger stirrup, the Series 80 plunger tunnel in the slide, along with the inside pin holes on the link. He also filed a bevel on the upper-rear face of the recoil-spring guide rod (to provide adequate clearance for the barrel during locking and unlocking cycles), which was then stoned and polished. The trigger-pull weight was adjusted to a crisp 4 pounds (the safest pull weight for street carry). Finally the pistol was zeroed at 25 yards with 230-grain FMJ factory ammunition.

Subsequent to this work, we fired more than 1,000 rounds of assorted lots of ammunition through this pistol. There were no stoppages of any type — there will not be any.

No exotic components were added to our Para-Ordnance P12.45. Becker's work focused on precise stoning and polishing, well beyond manufacturers' specifications. Not every operation performed was essential. In fact, the Para-Ordnance P12.45 can be shot and carried with confidence right out of the factory box. The average person does not require refinement at this level.

Those who realistically might live or die as a consequence of the sidearm strapped to their sides must ask themselves how highly they value their continued existence on this earth. Professional gun handlers will usually spare no expense and expend no small amount of time in practice to increase the odds in their favor.

— P. G. K.



Milt Sparks No. 55BN holster, a crossdraw/strong-side design maximizing speed, comfort and concealment — the perfect complement to the P12.45.

Para-Ordnance escutcheon in the center.

The frame-mounted thumb safety is that of the M1911A1. The horn on the grip safety protrudes just enough to prevent hammer bite when a proper two-hand Weaver hold is employed. Its upper surface is dished to prevent contact with the Commander-style ring hammer when it rolls rearward during the recoil stroke. As this pistol uses the Colt Series 80 firing-pin safety, the frame is milled to accept the lifting mechanism, which rotates upward — when the trigger is pulled — to press against the spring-loaded plunger in the slide and permit the firing pin to travel forward.

The P12.45's 4140 steel slide is a milled-finish investment casting. It has been covered with E-Coat, a black electrostatic paint of a type used on vehicle underbodies. This finish is reported to provide three times the corrosion resistance as do stainless steel alloys. The ejection port has been lowered and flared at its rear to reduce possibility of a "stovepipe" stoppage and also to eliminate dents on the empty cases.

## PARA-ORDNANCE P12.45 SPECIFICATIONS

- Caliber: ..... .45 ACP.  
 Operation: ..... Locked-breech, short-recoil; semiautomatic; single-action trigger system with frame-mounted thumb and grip safeties.
- Weight, empty: .. Alloy frame: 24 ounces; steel frame: 34 ounces. Add 2 ounces for the magazine.
- Length, overall: .. 7.125 inches.  
 Width: ..... 1.325 inches with a total circumference of 5.5 inches (at the grip panels).  
 Height: ..... 5 inches.
- Barrel: ..... Cone-shaped; six-groove with a left-hand twist with one turn in 16 inches.  
 Barrel length: ..... 3.5 inches.
- Magazine: ..... Staggered column, single-position feed, detachable box-type with 11-round capacity; removable floorplate.
- Sights: ..... Fixed, high profile; front: blade-type, 0.13-inch thick with a single white dot; rear: 0.118-inch-wide open square notch with white dot on each side of notch.
- Finish: ..... Black, hard-anodized aluminum alloy frame or black-oxide steel frame; black electrostatic paint on steel slide.
- Price: ..... Alloy frame: \$650; steel frame: \$709 — both complete with one magazine; extra magazines: \$47 each.
- Manufacturer: ... Para-Ordnance Manufacturing Inc., Dept. SOF, 3411 McNicoll Ave., Unit 14, Scarborough, Ontario M1V 2V6 Canada; phone: 416-297-7855.
- T&E Summary: ... First truly significant improvement to Browning's battle-proven design in more than 75 years. Superb human engineering of frame reduces perceived recoil and alters handling characteristics to improve hit probability and accuracy potential. The perfect package: a .45 ACP M1911A1-type pistol in a reduced envelope with increased magazine capacity.



Para-Ordnance P12.45, fieldstripped.

The fixed, high-profile sights are excellent. The front sight measures 0.13-inch in thickness, while the rear sight notch is 0.118-inch in width. The sights feature a single white dot on the front blade and two dots on the square-notch rear sight. Experienced gun handlers generally disdain colored squares and dots as these go unnoticed during acquisition of the so-called "flash" front-sight picture.

Para-Ordnance barrels (each with a six-groove bore having a left-hand twist of one turn in 16 inches, traditional for

the .45 ACP cartridge) all feature an integral feed ramp with fully supported chambers and, as a consequence, a significantly larger lug on the barrel's underside. This provides greater strength around the web of the cartridge case while enhancing feed reliability. The P12.45's barrel is cone-shaped at the muzzle end, mating with a conventional, removable barrel bushing. This barrel configuration was originally developed for the Detonics compact .45 ACP pistol.

In configuration, Para-Ordnance magazines resemble those of the Browning High Power. They are of conventional design and can be easily disassembled for cleaning. The follower and the floorplate's retainer are injection-molded polymer components, while the floorplate and magazine body are sheet-metal stampings. The high-carbon steel magazine body is made from sturdy 0.028-inch stock, for extra strength in the lip areas; it has been heat-treated for additional strength. Overall, the magazine design is outstanding, although the 11th round requires some muscling to insert.

Ammunition used in our test and evaluation of the P12.45 consisted of Black Hills Ammunition (Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 3090, Rapid City, SD 57709; phone: 605-348-5150) of two types: 185-grain Jacketed Hollow Point (JHP) and 230-grain Full Metal Jacket (FMJ) Round Nose (RN). We also employed mixed-brass reloads charged with 6.3 grains of Hercules Unique behind 230-grain RN hard-cast, lead-alloy bullets; also 230-grain FMJ military ball (manufactured in 1936 and headstamped "REM-UMC") and Winchester's 230-grain JHP Black Talon (product No. S45A).

The question always arises about how much velocity is lost by 3.5-inch .45 barrels, so we chronographed this against the velocity produced by the 5-inch tube of a government-issue M1911A1. Instrumentation consisted of the superb PACT MKIV Championship Timer (Practical Applied Computer Technologies Inc., P.O. Box 531525, Grand Prairie, TX 75053; phone: 800-PACTINC) with its sky screens set 8 feet from the muzzle and 4 feet apart. Ambient temperature was 82 degrees Fahrenheit.

In no instance was the velocity drop more than 65 fps, not enough to affect the projectile's wound-ballistics potential. The lowest Mean Absolute Deviation (MAD) in velocity was exhibited by the Black Talon 230-grain JHP when fired through the P12.45. This figure was 6.8 fps, which



The P12.45's fixed high-profile sights are excellent. Note how ejection port has been lowered and flared at its rear to reduce possibility of a "stovepipe" stoppage and to eliminate dents on empty cases.

means the Black Talon load varied an average of only 0.83% in velocity, indicating outstanding quality control.

With regard to wound ballistics, the essential equation is really quite simple. Penetration is, without doubt, the most important single parameter. The bullet must penetrate deeply enough to crush, cut and break through the human body's vital structures and organs. Any bullet not capable of penetrating at least 12 inches of soft tissue is not acceptable for a gunfight. The capacity to penetrate up to 20 inches is highly desirable. Once we've obtained the required penetration, the handgun bullet that makes the biggest hole will do the most damage.

### Ballistic Dynamite

The best starting point for a handgun is obviously the .45 ACP envelope. Ammunition manufacturers have finally started to get the message with regard to wound ballistics, so there is currently some very effective ammunition available in this caliber.

Newest and most exciting is Winchester's Black Talon, which travels out of the P12.45's 3.5-inch barrel with an average velocity of 814 fps. The lead core of the bullet is locked into place with a reverse-tapered jacket. The Black Talon's jacket wraps completely around the bullet's nose and into the cavity, providing the most reliable functioning of any hollow point to date. Retaining virtually 100% of its original weight, this design allows excellent penetration and expansion, even through barriers such as heavy cloth, wallboard, plywood and glass.

Typically, caliber .45 ACP Black Talon bullets will penetrate more than 13 inches of soft tissue while expanding up to about .77 caliber. In addition, the characteristic six-point expansion of both core and jacket result in razor-sharp edges to further slice and dice through vital structures and organs.

However, not far behind in wound ballistics potential are the Winchester 230-grain JHP (product No. Q4243) and the Black Hills load employing the fine Hornady 230-grain XTP bullet. All three of these 230-grain loads are excellent and essentially equal in effectiveness. Military ball that will penetrate 26 inches of soft tissue has been surpassed by these new hollow-point loads, all of which feed with great reliability.

There were no stoppages of any type during the test firing of more than 1,000 rounds. Perceived recoil was moderate and no greater than that of a steel-framed Government Model. This is to no small extent a result of the fact that the P12.45's frame, below and to the rear of the trigger guard, has been relieved. An old pistolsmith's technique, this permits the firing grip to be moved upward and closer to the barrel's axis, which reduces the pistol's upward flip during the firing cycle.

### Beating The Old War-Horse

I have personally never fired combat handguns that provided more consistent hit probability than do the original P14.45 and the new, abbreviated P12.45. Needless to say, I am, to begin with, predisposed by training (as a "family" member of the Gunsite Training Center) and experience to the single-action caliber .45 ACP M1911A1 series. Considering my large hands, the grip frames on the Para-Ordnance pistols felt almost as though they were bionic extensions to my arm. In juxtaposition, a standard Government Model

soon takes on the handling characteristics of a 1x2-inch board.

At 7 yards — the maximum distance at which the vast majority of gunfights with handguns take place — and fired from the two-handed Weaver position, the P12.45 will place all shots fired by an experienced operator into a 1.5-inch group.

Pistols designed for armed professionals deserve to be stuffed in leather of the same quality. Tony Kanaley of Milt Sparks Holsters Inc. (Dept. SOF, 605 E. 44th, No. 2, Boise, ID 83714; phone: 208-377-5577 — catalog \$2.50) recommended their popular No. 55BN, a crossdraw/strong-side design that maximizes speed, comfort and concealment. This holster is smooth-side-out and molded to the handgun it is meant to carry — to reduce bulk, add to retention and improve appearance. Long-lasting rigidity and stability are provided by a metal-reinforced top band. Sight rails are installed to protect the front sight blade.

All Milt Sparks holsters are made of top-quality cowhide and their finish helps repel perspiration. Fabricated from 6.5-ounce leather, the No. 55BN was constructed with a straight up-and-down cant, because I prefer crossdraw exclusively for belt holsters.



Preferred loads for the Para-Ordnance P12.45 include Winchester's Black Talon. Its lead core is locked into place with a reverse-tapered jacket. Retaining virtually 100% of its original weight, this design allows excellent penetration and expansion, even through barriers such as heavy cloth, wallboard, plywood or auto safety glass.

A crossdraw position permits the support hand to sweep aside the concealing jacket or coat without fumbling and, equally important, the shooter does not telegraph his draw stroke to potential threats on his flanks or to the rear. The trade-off is that most crossdraw rigs are somewhat more difficult to conceal than a strong-side holster. In this instance, the P12.45 is positioned securely against the body by the belt-loop-and-slot system. The straight drop also minimizes the weapon's tendency to fall slightly away from the body. The No. 55BN holster's price is \$58.

Properly designed and contoured gun belts are every bit as important as holsters. I selected the Milt Sparks No. 1B, a 1.5-inch-wide lined belt constructed from two pieces of 6- to 7-ounce No. 1 top grain cowhide featuring decorative stitching (\$56). A spare magazine is carried to the left of the

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# WHAT THE FEDS DON YOU TO KNOW

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**While many in Waco turned their backs on surviving Branch Davidians — mostly women and children with no clothes or homes — ATF undertook a billboard propaganda campaign, belying deepening controversy over disastrous 28 February raid. At least 12 such signs were erected in and around Waco after the 19 April conflagration. All such billboards remained surprisingly unvandalized as SOF went to press.**

**The Branch Davidian** “watchtower” — actually bedrooms that overlooked a nocturnal panorama of twinkling Waco city lights — is gone now. But for 51 days the shape of that pinkish rampart was burned into the nation’s psyche. What began as a mere law-enforcement disaster at Mount Carmel transmogrified into something akin to Dante’s *Inferno*, immortalized by the Davidian compound’s name: Ranch Apocalypse.

Riding with me through the bright, slanting rays of late afternoon, Sheila Martin seemed a bit confused. She craned her neck toward the spot where the tower had once been

visible from miles around.

Once a local landmark, it’s now a rubble pile circled by a chain link fence. Despite government efforts to discourage visitors — including closing the road up to its driveway — Mount Carmel, or Ranch Apocalypse, has become a macabre tourist curiosity. Buckets of ashes are carted off for sale. Onetime neighbors conduct “tours” in exchange for “contributions.” During a 20-minute visit, we met tourists from California, Canada and Tennessee.

As shrines go, it is a humble spot on the rolling, windswept prairie, a spot from which Martin departed with her three youngest children one week after the initial 28 February 1993 raid by agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms (ATF).

Later, on 19 April, Mount Carmel was consecrated with the blood of innocents, people who died in a hideous cross fire between religious defiance and the insane arrogance of government cops run amuck. Among the dead were Martin’s four older children, all honor-roll students, along with her husband, Harvard-educated attorney Wayne Martin.

“I keep looking down the road — even though I know the house isn’t there,” Martin told me in her soft, even voice. “I still want to see it. I still *do* see it in my mind. You would always get to a certain point and you would see the house and know you were almost home.”

As of this writing, Martin had no home — and she was having a hell of a time getting any relief. Waco — home to 103,000 souls and about 200 churches — bills itself as the “Heart of Texas.” But after the obligatory prayer services were duly recorded by international TV crews, surviving Branch Davidians found the milk of human kindness quickly curdled into a rather

soured charity, replaced by a dozen or so billboards touting ATF’s support by the community (Oddly enough, none have been vandalized.).

“I went to the Red Cross,” Martin told *Soldier Of Fortune*. “I had to get a house set up so I could get my three youngest children back [from social services]. I had nothing left. The first day, the Red Cross people said they could help me. They said they knew my situation, they understood everything.” — Enter Washington politics.

“When I called back to the Red Cross the next day, they said they couldn’t help me,” Martin recalled. “The first day they were very willing to help. The second day, they were very short, very to-the-point — we can’t do this. They said they’d talked to headquarters. They said we had been in a civil disorder and, as a result, they had instructions that they were not to help us.”

Never mind that this “civil” disorder was created by the “government” in the guise of the ATF. Its fate was sealed by the FBI’s ham-fisted Hostage Rescue Team, or “HuRT” personnel: They’ve hurt — and contributed to the deaths of — a lot more people than they’ve rescued in the eight-month period that started in mid-August 1992 at Randy Weaver’s Idaho cabin and ended outside Waco. But the last time we checked, HuRT commander Dick Rogers still had a job.

Less concerned with alleged religious and social eccentricities of the Branch Davidians, the Salvation Army welcomed Sheila Martin and others like her, such as Catherine Matteson, age 77, a proper New England lady with a voice and demeanor evocative of a certain sleuth on *Murder, She Wrote*. Martin, Matteson and a few other Branch Davidians ended up at downtown Waco’s Brittney Hotel, where owner Mark Bomangue offered

# 'T WANT ABOUT WACO



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## The Fix Is On As Government Attempts To Hide Truth About Ranch Apocalypse Fiasco

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**Text & Photos by  
James L. Pate**

them room and board until they could get on their feet again.

"That's what's so bizarre," Matteson said while peering out my car window toward the ruins of Mount Carmel. "I lived there for 25 years. After I left, it was on TV, every day, for so long. Now I come back and it's gone."

So goes life — and death — in Waco. Most folks here would like to forget — and would like for the world to forget — that this savage travesty of justice ever happened. This typically tough Texas cow town sprouted a tradition of God, guns and guts on a ford where Jesse Chisholm's cattle trail crossed the Brazos River. In coroners' reports from those days, gunshot wounds and "natural causes" were sometimes synonymous.

The trail crossing is marked now by the Texas Ranger Museum and Hall of Fame, a shrine to the men who stood — and sometimes fell — as a final line of bare-knuckled law and order against the spitting, bragging, brawling mass of unwashed democracy that settled frontier Texas. Waco's courthouse square drowns under ancient oaks shading the site of one of our nation's last public hangings in the 1920s.

Along those same fertile riverbanks, the founders of Baylor University sowed the seeds of what would become the world's largest Baptist institution of higher learning. Some still call Waco the "Jerusalem on the Brazos." Other Waco claims to fame include being hometown of the "Dr. Pepper" soft drink. Comedian Steve Martin and Texas Gov. Ann Richards are natives. And there are other former residents that few people mentioned during Uncle Sam's 51-day siege. One is ATF Director Stephen Higgins, a Baylor alumnus.

In his Baylor yearbook photo, Higgins has the same vacant Howdy

Doody grin he flashed on Capitol Hill in the wake of his Waco disaster, but don't let the smirk fool you. Beneath the three-piece suit and cowboy-motif boxer shorts lies a mother lode of anally focused angst. Higgins, like some of Waco's stodgier denizens, suffers from chronic anal retention. Possibly he helped earn his Baylor tuition as one of the unfortunate medical-school guinea pigs who endured the rectal vagaries of Preparations A through G.

Another former Waconian is William S. Sessions, who was FBI director until his ignominious sacking by President Clinton on 19 July this year. Sessions first came to Waco when assigned to the old Connally Air Force Base, site of the ATF-FBI operational command post during the 51-day Branch Davidian siege. Sessions got out of the Air Force, graduated from Baylor's law school, went into private practice and at one time sat on Waco's city council.

One of Sessions' law school classmates, Gary Coker, still practices law in Waco and has remained a close friend. Coker successfully defended David Koresh against an attempted murder charge resulting from a 1987 gunfight in which the cult leader wrested control of Mount Carmel from his religious predecessor, George Roden, now consigned to a mental hospital.

Despite his close friendship with Sessions, Coker apparently sees no potential conflict of interest in serving as court-appointed counsel to those Branch Davidians jailed on criminal charges stemming from the ATF-FBI botch. Almost all of the surviving cult members have court-appointed attorneys, if they have legal representation at all.

These counsel appointments are being stage-managed by the same group of people who approved the infamously

rambling, swiss cheese affidavit filed by Davy Aguilera, one of ATF's young, covert geniuses who probably wears a telephone in his shoe. At least one court-appointed barrister bailed out when the federal court inexplicably lowered the hourly rate it will pay young lawyers to defend the dreaded Davidians.

Such political and judicial finagling mean little to Sheila Martin, clutching her fingers in a chain link fence surrounding the charred wreckage of her life. Spotting a single tiny shoe once worn by one of her children, she stares in silence as a prairie wind whispers through the fence.

"We don't want anybody to have to go through this again," Martin finally says. "We don't want affliction to rise up a second time. We had a good life, a very good life ... people wonder why why I say that. I can tell you, I never had to worry about where my kids were. The kids were taken care of. Everybody loved each other.

They tried their best to work and help each other.

"A lot of what the government said about us, about David — especially the child abuse — simply isn't true. If anyone wanted to leave, they were welcome to leave. If the government wanted to talk to David, all they had to do was ask. They should have done it when he was outside on his own, where innocent people couldn't get hurt."

Turning her back on the lonesome, haunting ash heap, Martin drew her arms around herself as she watched a small clutch of tourists straggle bashfully up the driveway, talking in hushed tones. "We just want the American people to come see, so they'll never forget what our government did

to its citizens here," she said.

In Waco's aftermath, as Branch Davidian survivors scattered from Maine to California, the press, like so many Waco residents, found other good deeds to move on to, comfortably relegating the tragedy to back-page briefs. Until criminal trials of Davidians be-



**Transfixed by the sight of some of her childrens' clothing, Branch Davidian member Sheila Martin stares into the ashes of Mount Carmel, where her Harvard-educated husband and four of their seven children perished at the hands of the government.**

gin, little or no information will be released by the government. The few answers it's given have only begotten a host of new questions. This past May, a U.S. House Judiciary Committee hearing was held so members could toss a few marshmallow questions at Higgins, Sessions and Attorney General Janet Reno. A presidential commission was appointed — *yawn*.

But the Texas Rangers, widely respected for a reputation of thorough investigation without fear or favor of anyone, continued their inquiry into the Waco tragedy as this issue went to press. Most people holding out hopes for

a fair and impartial probe of the disaster were placing their bets on the Rangers. But Washington politics may stymie even the Texas Rangers.

In the meantime, *SOF* continues to dig. This article, and another to appear in our next issue, result from a week-long follow-up trip to Texas. Our interviews included those with several surviving Branch Davidians, both in and out of jail, and with others familiar with Koresh and the Branch Davidian church who did not live at Mount Carmel and were not church members.

Also, *SOF* interviewed two men fighting to make sure America remembers: Houston lawyers Dick DeGuerin and Jack Zimmermann. Neither

Koresh, who was represented by DeGuerin, nor Koresh's lieutenant, Steve Schneider, survived. Schneider, a theologian and former college professor, played a prominent role in crisis negotiations with the FBI and was represented by Zimmermann.

Of the allegations of government misconduct in Waco previously reported, new information confirms the following: (1) Whether deliberately or by accident, an ATF agent fired the first shot that started the gunfight on 28 February; (2) gunfire from government agents in helicopters struck the building, wounding some of its inhabitants, and (3) the ATF knew there would be no element of surprise.

Some new twists: (A) Koresh knew as far back as eight months before the raid that he was being scrutinized by ATF, actually inviting them, through a third party, to inspect his home; (B) ATF made a decision not to question Koresh or peacefully arrest him in a neutral location, but to conduct a raid; (C) ATF security was sloppy. On three occasions in August 1992, agents practiced forced-entry drills on an uninhabited farmhouse in plain view of Branch Davidians working near Mount Carmel. After ATF agents left a practice site at nearby Fort Hood, U.S. Army personnel there found dropped copies of ATF's operations plan; (D) at least three, if not all, of five Branch Davidians killed in the initial raid were unarmed — ATF snipers shot people they *knew* were unarmed, and (E) all bets are off on how the final fire started. Oh, and one other thing: The fix is on.

"We're the only ones that were on the inside, saw the physical evidence, talked to the people who are now dead and also talked to the survivors," observed Zimmermann, a U.S. Naval Academy grad who, like DeGuerin, is considered among the top five criminal trial attorneys in Texas. "That bullshit story about the way the fire started was put out by that ATF agent disguised as a Houston Fire Department officer." *Say what?*

Zimmermann went on to tell how Paul Gray, the supposedly "independent" arson investigator whose report concluded that Branch Davidians used gasoline to set the 19 April fire, is married to an employee in ATF's Houston office. The couple socialized with Mrs. Gray's colleague, ATF agent Steve Willis, who was the first agent

killed in the Waco gunfight. Paul Gray and his wife attended Willis' funeral.

"But the most important thing," said Zimmermann, "is that from 1982 to 1990, [Gray's] office was on Imperial Valley Drive, in the ATF office. That's where he officed. He carried a card that identified himself as a special agent of the ATF. He handed that card out to people when he interviewed witnesses ... I don't know if he got his paycheck from the fire department or not, but he identified himself as an ATF agent.

"Out of all the independent fire examiners they have in these United States ... why didn't they pick someone from Chicago, or Philadelphia, New York, Miami, California?" posed Zimmermann. "Why do they pick a guy from Houston who worked in the ATF office until three years ago, who's married to an ATF employee who, I understand, may have had something to do with typing the warrant? And then went to the funeral of one of the four guys who was killed. How much more partial can you be than that?"

Zimmermann noted how Gray's eight years working in the Houston ATF office were confirmed by Texas Rangers who, like the ATF and FBI, have a uniform no-comment policy on the Waco case until investigations and criminal trials are complete.

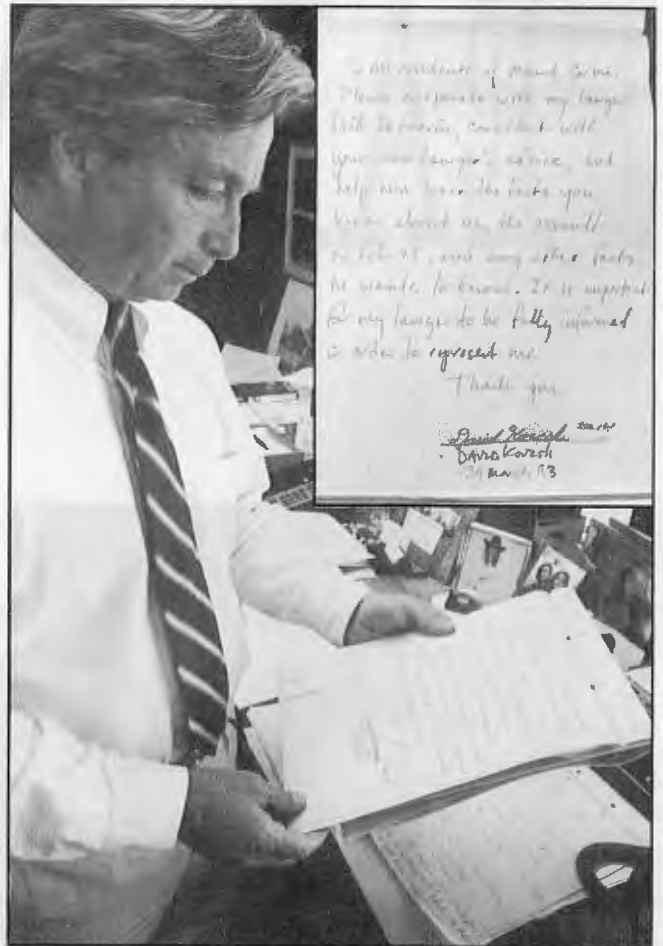
"I don't even know how Gray would know that an accelerant got spread on the floor," Zimmermann said. "You couldn't tell that from a totally burned building that had burned for hours and hours. It would have burned up every bit of it. Their version of what happened was totally inconsistent with what we saw inside. The tank knocked over a lantern on the first floor and the concussion tipped everything over on the second floor, collapsed the walls and stairwells, trapping woman and children upstairs."

When Zimmermann and DeGuerin told Gray they would not participate in his investigation unless asked to do so by the Texas Rangers, that "we don't want to lend our credibility to your study because we already know what your results are going to be ..." that pissed Gray off. "After telling the whole world he was going to issue his report on Wednesday, he suddenly holds a news conference on Monday, before DeGuerin and I could do anything, and announces that the fire was intentionally set on the inside by Branch Davidians."

DeGuerin still represents Koresh's mother. Zimmermann's client is dead, so he's not getting paid, yet he continues to pursue the case because of "basic issues of right and wrong." They have a lot more to lose in terms of reputation than do Gray or any of the ATF's Keystone Kommandos or the FBI's HuRT agents. Both attorneys have been invited to speak at this year's *SOF* Convention.

DeGuerin learned criminal trial defense under the tutelage of Texas legend Percy Foreman. While most top-dollar Texas attorneys typically charge about \$50,000 for a routine murder defense, DeGuerin's fee is about twice this. He's not lost a jury trial since 1985, winning acquittals in several major cases. His brother Mike is defending Paul Fatta, a Branch Davidian whose trial on conspiracy charges has been twice delayed.

Zimmermann holds equal standing with DeGuerin in the legal community, successfully defending clients in many high-profile cases, including winning the release of an innocent man from Oklahoma's Death Row. During two tours in Vietnam, he won two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart. The former infantry battalion and artillery battery commander is now a colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, where he serves on the inspector general's staff and has been a deputy chief defense counsel for the Marine Corps. Zimmermann's combat experience makes his tactical analysis of the Waco raid particularly authoritative.



**Houston attorney Dick DeGuerin examines a note (inset) from his client, David Koresh, advising all Branch Davidians to cooperate fully with DeGuerin. It was written on 29 March, three weeks before Koresh and about 85 others burned to death.**

DeGuerin and Zimmermann visited inside Koresh's house on 1 and 4 April, talking to the Davidians again by phone on 14 April, five days before the deadly fire. Zimmermann said one reason for the phone call was "we were hearing stuff that Dick and I considered totally inaccurate coming from the Department of Justice" about alleged child abuse.

Under an international treaty signed by the United States, American troops are not allowed to use CS against enemy soldiers unless the move is specifically approved by our president. Following the tragedy, Reno gave three justifications for trying to force residents from the Davidian compound with battering rams and CS, a finely powdered chemical riot-control agent.

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# FEAR AND LOATH



A career bureaucrat with no law enforcement experience, Stephen Higgins currently heads a BATF that has lost its focus and is increasingly adopting stormtrooper tactics. Photo: courtesy BATF

**Editor's Note:** Shortly after the first installment of *Soldier Of Fortune's* coverage of the Waco disaster appeared, an agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms contacted SOF and said he wanted to talk about "problems in ATF."

After an initial contact, several phone conversations with Executive Editor Tom Slizewski and contributing writer James L. Pate, and a lunch meeting between Pate, the agent and Special Projects Director Alexander McColl, SOF was satisfied the approach was made by a legitimately disgruntled agent and not an attempt at some sort of setup by ATF.

Pate spent two days with the agent, who after several years in ATF is now "fed up," chatting informally and getting acquainted before sitting down to a formal interview. He will be identified only as "Nathan Hale." The following excerpts from the question-and-answer session with Pate pertain only to generalities about Hale's experience and day-to-day familiarity with how ATF operates. A later article will deal with his personal experiences inside the nation's Gun Gestapo.

**SOF:** Why did you finally get tired of serving in ATF?

**NH:** Unlike my service in the military, or in other law enforcement agencies, there was little feeling of support, only one of fear and intimidation, at least in ATF's law enforcement branch. ATF's management philosophy under the law enforcement chief, Dan Hartnett, and under Hartnett's predecessor, Phil McGuire, has been management by fear and intimidation ... People that are transferred from law enforcement to the compliance section, for instance, told me that it was almost like going from hell to

# ING IN THE ATF

## Exclusive Interview With Gun Gestapo Insider

by James L. Pate



heaven. They felt like they'd had a load lifted off their shoulders; that someone wasn't spying over their shoulder all the time. They said they weren't paranoid all the time any more, worried that they might say the wrong thing and screw up their career.

**SOF:** *What can you tell us about Dan Hartnett, Higgins' No. 2 man, the guy who runs the enforcement branch? As a member of the federal Senior Executive Service, he makes a six-figure salary. But he's a high-school dropout. Not very quick on his feet at the Waco press conferences. Apparently a rather marginal IQ.*

**NH:** I know him. Your assessment is correct. Prior to ATF, he was with the Chicago Police Department, working in homicide and vice ... Intellectually, he's no rocket scientist. When his predecessor, as head of enforcement, Phil McGuire, was in charge, everyone just assumed that Hartnett would retire when McGuire did. [Upon retirement, McGuire left ATF for an executive position with Handgun Control Inc.] Hartnett had already gone far farther than most people thought he was capable of going. He wasn't competent. He doesn't have a college degree at all. And an agent has to have at least a bachelor's degree. But here's the guy in charge of all the street agents with, really, no education to speak of. But he buddied up to McGuire and Higgins.

**SOF:** *How is Hartnett as an administrator?*

**NH:** Tyrannical.

**SOF:** *In what way?*

**NH:** He's a vindictive individual. I think part of it is his insecurity about his lack of intelligence or formal education. He's very closed-mouthed, very petty. ... He puts fear into people that way. Subordinates are often nervous around him. If we were at a social event, or you'd have the morning coffee at headquarters or even at a party, everyone would get in a circle and wait until Hartnett spoke. ... If someone cracked a joke, everyone would look at Hartnett to make sure it was OK to laugh. He operates sort of like Joseph Stalin: He'd throw a party and while everyone else got drunk, he'd drink water, get the goods on everybody. Hartnett fosters that kind of atmosphere. It was even this way for the SACs [Special Agents in Charge]. An

*agent on the street?*

**NH:** Well, let me say that ATF has some excellent agents who are very dedicated investigators. But they usually find themselves on the short end of the stick at ATF because ... they do their jobs thoroughly and meticulously, which takes time. You could be doing 10 cases and racking up an impressive case load, which translates into statistics — as opposed to working longer and more thoroughly against a real career criminal. When the bosses want statistics, you get better statistics with a lot of hit-and-miss operations. Even if you have a bad warrant, you can still put the stats down. Because the stats don't say what happened in court. All the stat says is that there was a raid, an arrest; X amount of weapons confiscated.

**"Higgins and Hartnett would rather have ATF agents dead in the field — lying dead, face down in the mud, which is what happened — than have anyone think their agents weren't macho."**

SAC's career depends on toeing the line. If you ever wanted to move up ... you have to do exactly what Hartnett wants. And what Hartnett wants are statistics. They don't have to represent anything meaningful. But statistics are what drives funding.

**SOF:** *How does this affect the*

**SOF:** *Is the final disposition of a case ever reported?*

**NH:** Not in the published stats ... unless it's favorable.

**SOF:** *Do they manipulate statistics as a matter of policy?*

**NH:** I believe they do. They'll count individual items and make it look like



Associate Director of the BATF, Dan Hartnett, left, and FBI Special Agent in Charge of the San Antonio office, Jeffrey Jamar, field questions at first joint press conference in Waco, 3 March 1993. Photo: AP/Wide World

an enormous number. They'll seize chemicals and other materials that are legal and destroy them. Say a guy's a manufacturer. He's licensed. He has hundreds of pounds of raw materials ... There are those [ATF agents] who will make the raid and say they find nothing illegal; end of case. There are others, though, who will declare the same materials as hazardous [or] unstable ... And then it is destroyed. They can put an honest man completely out of business. I know they can because I've seen it done time and time again.

**SOF:** *Is this common strategy — when they can't legitimately bust somebody, they'll ruin them financially, litigate them out of business?*

**NH:** I've seen it done. You'll never find anything in writing. But it's an unspoken, unwritten policy.

**SOF:** *One repeated criticism over the last 20 years — not just by gun owners and the gun press, but by U.S. senators — is that the ATF largely ignores real criminals and instead spends most of its time trying to bust licensees whose good-faith efforts at compliance are gigged on niggling technical violations. Is that a valid criticism, and if so, why?*

**NH:** Yes, because it's easier. Your average criminal is streetwise. A lot of people are not trained in undercover operations as well as they should be, especially the newer breed of ATF

agent. In the old days, there was more recruitment of people with prior law enforcement experience — people who were also streetwise. Now they're getting kids straight out of college who are dedicated and patriotic, but also wide-eyed innocents who believe what they're told and, as a result, easily indoctrinated. The majority of FFL-holders [Federal Firearms License] are small businessmen ... supplementing their in-

**“When the bosses want statistics, you get better statistics with a lot of hit-and-miss operations. Even if you have a bad warrant, you can still put the stats down.”**

comes. A lot are hobbyists and collectors who defray their costs through buying and selling firearms. Most of them are honest people.

**SOF:** *Special Agent Robert Rodriguez would be a good example of an agent lacking street smarts. He's one of the ATF agents who supposedly infiltrated the group in Waco. He was supposed to be a student, but he wore nice, new clothes and drove a nice car. Same with the other agents living with him across the road. David Koresh and others obviously knew who he was. But even if so many ATF undercover operatives weren't apparently incom-*

*petent, why is the ATF so fond of kicking down doors in front of TV cameras?*

**NH:** Funding. Publicity.

**SOF:** *But this strategy has backfired so many times before. At the San Jose gun show in June 1978. At John Lawmaster's house. In Waco.*

**NH:** Yes, it has backfired — sometimes. But there have been numerous times when it worked. For instance, the antigun drive they had in Washington, D.C. It was allegedly against career criminals, gun-related drug activity. They were hitting crack houses ... It was popular with the neighbors. All this made for wonderful coverage by the D.C. television stations.

**SOF:** *Are you personally aware of cases in which unnecessary confrontation or violence was used?*

**NH:** I'm familiar with cases that used an unnecessary show of force, unnecessarily aggressive behavior — by action and words — extremely provocative, abusive language, abuse of power of authority; intimidation, wanton destruction of personal property.

**SOF:** *You know of specific examples?*

**NH:** Yes, I do ... Example: A guy has alleged ties to organized crime. They ... raid his residence. He has a legitimate gun collection. We're talking Weatherbys, Mannlichers; fine, expensive, collectible firearms, many that would be for display only. And these

agents knew, in all probability, that those guns would have to be returned. A blanket goes on the floor and the guns are thrown across the room onto the blanket in a pile. And they were damaged. Deliberately damaged.

**SOF:** *You mentioned a case in which the glass front of an unlocked gun cabinet was deliberately smashed.*

**NH:** They smashed it. I've seen agents deliberately break other cabinets; slam the door open as hard as they could ... The hinges were ripped out. The door came off. And of course

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## COMBAT .45

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For more than 20 years, Milt Sparks' holsters have been hanging from gun belts of the likes of Jeff Cooper, Elmer Keith, Mel Tappan and an untold number of other professional gun handlers. I can personally recommend their leather goods without reservations of any kind.

Disassembly procedures for the P12.45 duplicate those of the M1911A1 series. In my opinion, merely fieldstripping the Government Model — separating the frame, slide, barrel, recoil spring and guide rod — is insufficient for proper maintenance of this system. The firing pin and extractor should also be routinely removed from the slide. Accumulated debris under the extractor claw invites failures to extract an empty case.

Suggested retail price of the model we tested, a compact P12.45 with an

alloy frame, is \$650, complete with one magazine. The steel-frame version costs \$709; extra magazines are \$47 each.

John Browning's design remains as brilliant as it was when created more than three-quarters of a century ago — it is battle-proven. It has dominated innumerable gunfights. The .45 ACP cartridge, when loaded with heavy, slow-moving expanding bullets, has greater wound-ballistics potential than any other controllable handgun round.

It remained only for Para-Ordnance to stuff some added insurance into an abbreviated version of an unsurpassed concept. I carry a Para-Ordnance P12.45 loaded with Black Talon ammunition in a Milt Sparks No. 55BN crossdraw holster every day now. ✕

## FULL AUTO

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sound source. The sound level drops according to the "inverse square law" (i.e., the sound decreases with the square of the distance from the source). A unit that sounds fairly loud within the

confines of a small room may not even be heard by an observer when fired outdoors from behind cover and concealment at a distance of 25 meters.

The sound signatures of ammunition fired through our 10/22 Ultra system were measured by means of a Bruel & Kjaer-type 2209 Impulse Precision Sound Level Meter with a 1/4-inch No. 4135 microphone placed 1 meter away from the front, and to the left, of the muzzle at an angle normal (90 degrees) to the barrel's axis.

Our meter was calibrated both before and after the tests and no instrument drift was noted. All of this was as per U.S. milspec. A Ruger 10/22 rifle will generate a sound-pressure level of about 157 db. The 10/22 Ultra unit drops this level by 48 db. This is excellent performance.

The 10/22 Ultra housing is finished with a black-textured powder coating, very similar to that found on the Sterling submachine-gun series. Extremely durable, this finish is both chip- and corrosion-resistant. The suppressor is free-floated in the stock, while the Ruger 10/22 barrel band is omitted to

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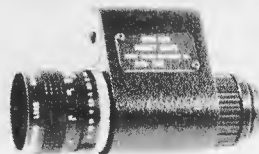
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As there is no front sight on the suppressor housing, the Ruger rear sight was removed. A system of this quality should be matched by an optical sight significantly better than the usual cheap .22 rimfire scope with a tip-off mount. For this purpose, we selected the excellent Leupold 4X Compact Rimfire Special scope (catalog No. 41129; Leupold & Stevens Inc., Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 688, Beaverton, OR 97075-0688; phone: 503-646-9171; fax: 503-526-1475). Its black-anodized 1-inch housing is manufactured from aircraft-grade aluminum tubing. This fixed four-power scope weighs only 7.5 ounces, with an overall length of 9.2 inches.

Parallax occurs when the primary image of an objective lens does not

coincide with the reticle. Because of the range limitations of the .22 LR cartridge for which this scope was designed, parallax has been set at the Leupold factory for a target at 60 yards.

The Leupold 4X Compact Rimfire Special has a fine duplex-reticle pattern. All lenses are magnesium-fluoride-coated. The ocular can be adjusted for focus. To do this, point the scope at the sky and rotate the ocular until the reticle pattern is sharp. This scope was mated to the rifle using Burris precision-machined steel rings and a Weaver-style base supplied by Brownells Inc. (Dept. SOF, Route 2, Box 1, Montezuma, IA 50171; phone: 515-623-5401.)

With this combination, CCI Green Tag Competition ammunition printed shot groups of less than 1 inch at 40 yards, as did CCI Mini Mag ammo. Federal Hi-Power 22s shot to 1½ inches, which is normally the accuracy potential you can expect from an unmodified Ruger 10/22. Remington High Velocity ammunition opened up the group dispersion to 2 inches. All of these rounds exited the 10/22 Ultra at subsonic velocities. So-called hyper-velocity ammunition, such as the

CCI Stinger or Remington Yellow Jacket, should not be employed.

Standard-velocity ammunition should also be avoided whenever possible, as the system has been specifically tuned to operate with high-velocity cartridges and reliability may be compromised. Furthermore, the efficiency of the 10/22 Ultra is so high that little, if any, additional sound-pressure level reduction will result from use of standard-velocity ammunition.

This is the fourth year of production of the 10/22 Ultra. It is deservedly one of AWC Systems Technology's most popular sound suppressors. ☒

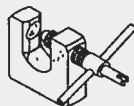
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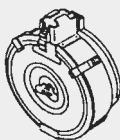
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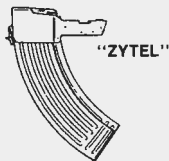


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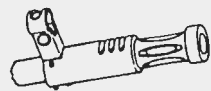
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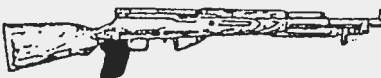
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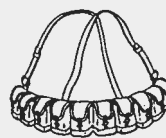
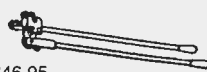
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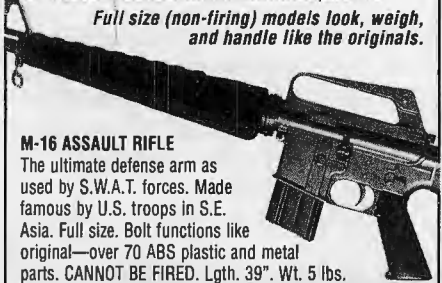


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the glass in that one broke when it hit the floor.

**SOF:** *It sounds like they don't approach their jobs with professional detachment, but with a vindictiveness against anyone who owns a firearm?*

**NH:** Yes. They're overzealous. Now that's not everybody. I can't make a blanket condemnation and be honest. There are those agents that are very dedicated and they believe in the oath they took

**SOF:** *It sounds like there's a definite anti-gun bias in the ATF, at least among the higher echelons.*

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NH: From the top, out of Steve Higgins' mouth; he's backing Clinton now [he opposed tougher gun control measures — or at least refused to support them — under Presidents Reagan and Bush.] He's in effect come out of the closet and said guns, per se, are bad, that we need to disarm the public, that we need more and stronger gun laws. Under the Reagan and Bush administrations, he pretty well kept his mouth shut. He knew where his bread was buttered. [Former enforcement chief] McGuire knew it. He didn't go public. But he let it be known to his agents what he expected. Roy Rogers' restaurants were off-limits to agents for lunch ... Roy Rogers is a life member of the National Rifle Association ... You're not going to find this in writing.

SOF: *Anything else?*

NH: Don't become friendly with gun dealers. Or if you want to purchase a private firearm, only do it through a specific dealer that ATF recommends ... And for God's sake, whatever you do, don't get on Hartnett's bad side. Hartnett is almost like Hitler; keeping his little notes.

SOF: *Was it ever stated that you or any other agent should not join the National Rifle Association?*

NH: I have seen cases where an individual off-duty had on an NRA Life Member belt buckle and was seen by a senior agent. He was told he'd better get the damned thing off right then and that if he had any hope for promotion in ATF, he'd best resign from the NRA right quick. There have been people who were severely disciplined — nothing in writing, mind you. If there are any meetings between ATF and NRA, the brass hats at ATF make it a point to only send over a hothead to do the talking. In fact, the NRA is strongly pro-law enforcement.

SOF: *Well, the ATF's anti-gun agenda has become pretty blatant.*

NH: Yes, and it's an agenda that is indoctrinated in these young agents.

SOF: *Have you ever been asked directly, or has it been implied that you should give false testimony in court or stretch the truth?*

NH: Yes, or not tell the whole truth. They'll tell you the defendant is a dirtbag. They'll say, 'We don't have to tell them everything, so keep your testimony short and sweet because if you elaborate too much, it's going to

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**SOF:** *So if it's evidence that would help a defendant or hamper the prosecution, ATF investigators will deliberately drag their feet or sit on the evidence?*

**NH:** That's right.

**SOF:** *Have you ever been solicited outright to give perjured testimony?*

**NH:** Never outright. It had been hinted around, but the word was also around that I would never do that, not for any reason or anyone. My philosophy is that even if it's the worst mass murderer in history, if he wasn't caught properly ... with legally obtained evidence ... everything by the book, then I'm sorry. All this does is make a good investigator more determined. You know inside, in your gut, if a guy is guilty. But you can't take your gut into court. You have to take physical evidence.

**SOF:** *Have you ever known the ATF to manufacture evidence, as the FBI admitted it did in the Randy Weaver trial in Idaho?*

**NH:** I've suspected it. I can't document.

**SOF:** *Can you cite an example?*

**NH:** Certain pieces of material may be added, to a firearm or anything else. But explosive cases or arson are the easiest ... to add evidence, or to take it out.

**SOF:** *Why is that?*

**NH:** A firearm is pretty well cut-and-dried. There are numerous counterexperts that are very well-versed in the field of firearms, as opposed to the counterexperts in the fields of explosives or arson. ... There are some ATF agents who believe in doing things the right way and some who don't.

**SOF:** *Why don't more agents come forward and blow the whistle?*

**NH:** They're afraid to; they're terrified.

**SOF:** *Why?*

**NH:** Repercussions. Number one, you're going to be found retroactively incompetent. ATF will destroy your credibility. They will dig the slightest trivial thing out, which you may or may not have done. And many times, they'll go back so many years that nobody's memory is perfect. ... Something you did improper, even trivial,

such as taking home a government pen. Or you stopped at a 7-Eleven store on the way home, driving a government vehicle, to buy some milk: improper use of a government vehicle. Trivial, to be sure, but not so trivial when your family and your income and your career are on the line.

**SOF:** *How widespread is this intimidation to keep people in line, to keep people from going public with government wrongdoing?*

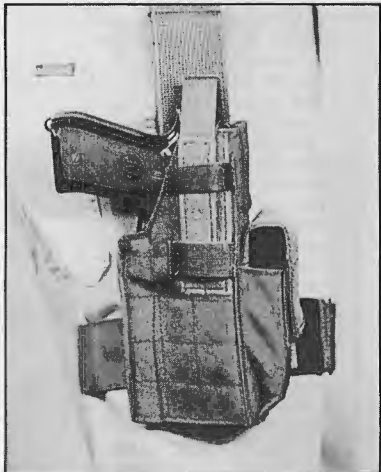
**NH:** It's very widespread. It's not only ATF, but the unspoken system of government bureaucracy. Each agency has an office of Equal Employment Opportunity. EEO is a farce ... an absolute farce. It's a government agency investigating a complaint on itself. It can't do so fairly or objectively. It can't and it won't. In ATF, there's widespread sexual discrimination. There was a definite sex bias by McGuire, and it has continued under Hartnett, against female agents and against racial minorities, too. It's the leadership's mindset. They feel they're superior, above it all. The top echelons of ATF are primarily white and male. There is one Hispanic SAC that I know of. I think there's probably more blatant sexual bias than race bias.

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**SOF:** *What impropriety have you witnessed that most offended you?*

**NH:** Wanton destruction of property. On more than one occasion.

**SOF:** *Why do agents do that?*

**NH:** [a long sigh] I think the answer to that is locked in their minds. In their minds, it makes them look better. It generates more statistics in a way. For example, a man has 10,000 cartons of material X. Five boxes are contraband. But five boxes don't look like very much. If ATF destroys all 10,000 cartons, though — agents declare them to be a hazard, whether they are or not — it looks much better on the stats. The same with firearms; you confiscate one illegally converted firearm, along with a collection of 200 perfectly legal firearms, to include collectibles and antiques. Those are all numbers. So the agent says, "You are a criminal now and, as a criminal, you're not allowed to have firearms. We're taking these in. We're going to check them to see if they're stolen." Then the individual — even if he or she is not charged, or is charged and acquitted — has a battle *royale* trying to get back legal property. In this country, if you have money, then you can have justice. If you do not have money

— and I'm talking about tens of thousands of dollars — for an attorney, you're going to have a real hard time getting justice. Even if you have money, you may not get justice. Federal agents investigating anyone hold all the cards and, very often, they will stack the deck to get what they want. Fighting the government can go on forever, and most citizens can't afford to pay a lawyer by the hour to wage that fight. The ATF has lawyers who don't do anything else.

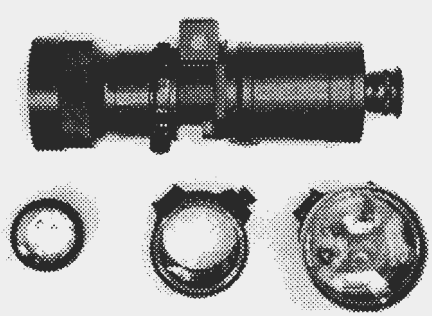
**SOF:** *Let's talk about the Waco raid. You weren't there. But you've talked to people who were, and other people in ATF who know what happened. What's your impression?*

**NH:** I feel that David Koresh was a dangerous person. He had a history of violence. ... I'm not a psychiatrist ... but he had enormous mood swings. He was the quintessential cult leader; megalomaniacal. ... He's like quite a few others. The only law enforcement they recognize is the local sheriff, based on the fact that they consider a sheriff to be an elected official; therefore of the people, by the people. But given all that, the Waco raid was clearly a fiasco from start to finish. ... The agents moving up on the compound were

scared. A lot of them were prior military, some ex-Special Forces. They knew ahead of time that the raid had been compromised, that security had been compromised. It was discussed among them. ... They saw media members with cameras waiting when they got there.

**SOF:** *Why, when they knew their raid plan had been compromised — and they knew the number and type of high-powered rifles that were inside — did they go in so lightly armed, wearing soft body armor rated only for stopping handgun ammunition?*

**NH:** The raid commanders expected what they'd always gotten, that they'd flash a federal badge and everyone would roll over. In their hearts, they didn't think there would be any resistance. They thought everyone would roll over into the dead cockroach position. But I know some of the veteran agents had a gut feeling that things were going to go bad, and they tried to call it off. I was told there was dissension in the ranks. They were told, in essence, 'Knock it off, we're going in.' The commanders did not want it to appear that ATF had backed down, because if we turned around and put our tail between our legs, we'd have

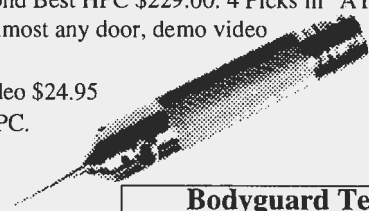


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egg on our face. ATF leadership couldn't stand that thought. Higgins and Hartnett would rather have ATF agents dead in the field — lying dead, face down in the mud, which is what happened — than have anyone think their agents weren't macho enough. That's wrong! It's criminal, absolutely criminal! It shouldn't have happened. There were other ways. The search warrant could have been served with no bloodshed. They easily could have arrested [Koresh] in town. Quietly. Then called the news media. But that would not have as much media impact. It would not have the same sex appeal on Capitol Hill. It would not have the bravado and heroics. It would not show the ATF being the macho law and order agency, in the tradition of Eliot Ness and the Untouchables. Because that's the image they love. Higgins and Hartnett are living in a fantasy land. And they're willing to get young agents killed to live that fantasy.

*In a forthcoming issue, SOF contributing writer James L. Pate will continue his coverage of the ATF with an interview of agent Nathan Hale regarding his specific experiences within BATF ranks.✕*

## FASCIST FREAK SHOW

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pound full of Nazis. I took photos of what was quickly becoming a real carnival sideshow. The whole time I felt like I was trapped in a rerun of *Hogan's Heroes*. Where was Sergeant Schultz? What happened to Colonel Klink? Finally banished to the Russian front?

I don't really think the democratic process has much to fear from any of these people as individuals, but as an agglomerated group used by true politicians for their own purposes ... they just might give the world one more thing to worry about. Oh, by the way, some of the "communists" did manage to get through the police cordon surrounding the area. There was some screaming and rock throwing. Somebody popped off a bunch of signal flares. Then the cops fired off some tear gas and let loose the German shepherds. Now, I don't know about you, but when policemen slip the leashes

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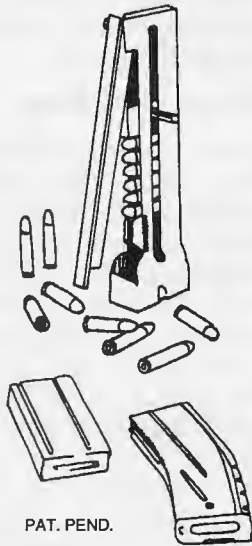
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This all took place late Saturday afternoon and by chow time the Nazi ranks were starting to thin. As it got dark everybody had to line up outside to take part in the ceremonial speech-making. So, quite predictably, it began to rain. Somehow I got stuck up front in plain view and therefore was not strategically placed to slip away. I glanced behind me. There were maybe 200 people left. Earlier that day I had estimated about 375, but Mrs. Mueller assured me she had a count of 530.

A standard-bearer was holding the FAP flag, while Kurt Mueller read his speech for the next two hours, uninterrupted save for attempts to sing some Nazi songs no one knew the words to. The guy holding the flag was really hurting. No one was going to relieve the poor bastard and I sure the hell wasn't. When this Triumph of the Dull was all over I looked behind me and there were maybe 50-60 people still there. For the remainder of the night everybody drank beer, sang (hummed) Nazi songs and generally became beer-hall putsch obnoxious. I retired upstairs to doze unsuccessfully until dawn, in an attempt to hasten a departure which didn't come soon enough. Sieg hell.

*Frequent SOF contributor, former SF medic and ongoing observer of the war in the Balkans, Rob Krott took time from a recent trip to Bosnia to check out this anemic rebirth of National Socialism in a reunited Germany.* ☞

## DEATH ON THE NILE

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sin, I was reminded. Depicting the human body was iniquity — I should get lost. The sheik represented the ideological wing of the Muslim fundamentalist upsurge that has spread through Egypt in recent years. There is also an armed wing.

Feuding is a way of life in Egypt. Most men can use a rifle and the area

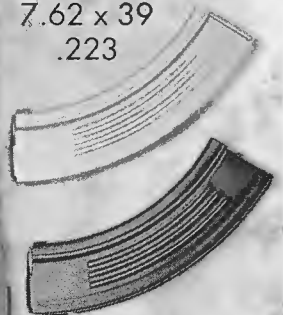


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is stacked with arms. Muslim fanatics began optimizing this weapons familiarity resource last year. They started by just hitting a guard here, or a police officer there. Police retaliated with raids on houses and mosques. Attacks continued, so the government's operations also grew.

A massive official response came early last December, when 14,000 police stormed into Gabber's Imbaba slum, uncovering arms and ammunition while scooping up some 800 young men. "And many women," Amina insisted. "Gabber's wives, too."

**Bloody Crackdown**

Then came a spectacularly bloody week this past March when hundreds of police cornered dozens of fundamentalists in a series of countrywide raids. Extremists fought to the death. In one encounter, bombs were hurled down stairwells at police moving through rabbit-warren lairs. Another fight saw a militant use his wife and child as human shields. The police blew all three away.

That week one witness told me he was in Asyut when police raided an apartment in the dark at 0300, yet the extremists inside chose to fight. Police only managed to end it 10 hours later by demolishing the entire apartment building with heavy armaments — burying militants and innocents in tons of rubble. Officially, 10 fundamentalists died in the shootout.

"The local people said it was much higher, and they should know," asserted my source, who attended an official meeting that morning before the all-powerful governor of Asyut as hand grenades exploded and shots were exchanged just a few hundred yards away. "The governor ignored the noise! The official policy is that the police will be able to bring these extremists under control."

While uniformed police captains like Tariq Sidhom, who showed me around the Cairo suburb of Abbasiya one morning, strap on genuine .40-caliber Beretta pistols, their patrolmen have to work with 1960s Egyptian-made 9mm Helwan pistols (Beretta Model 951 clones) and old Port Said submachine guns (copies of the Swedish Carl Gustaf Model 45 B). One wonders how many rounds these worn weapons can accurately fire.

In the tea shops, people say the underlying problems are economic and

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political. Unemployed youths have been persuaded that "pure" Islam will solve all their financial and social problems. These kids are now shock troops for their teachers — who want political power. Some say once you solve Egypt's economic problems, you will have solved the problem of fundamentalism's appeal.

My informant from Asyut scoffs at this notion: "Look, foreign-made automatic rifles sell for between 2,000 and 5,000 [Egyptian] pounds, or say, \$600 to \$1,500 U.S. dollars. That's a fortune for a poor boy. If the fundamentalists are just fighting for money, why don't they simply sell their weapons and retire? No, economics aren't driving these guys."

He's right; this is an anti-government urban guerrilla war, powered by fanatics who are taught that Islam matters above all else. A paradise of wine, women and song awaits any man martyred in the cause of Islam.

There is no sign of this war stopping. (As I write, the news comes over that a small time-delay bomb has killed two policemen in Cairo's Attaba Square.) Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak claims the Ayatollah's heirs in Iran pay local fundamentalists between \$50 and \$250 in U.S. dollars per explosion. Others say the body count has so far been low only due to the extremists' limited weapons-handling skills and tactics under fire.

Rumors persist that such skill levels are being upgraded by Egyptian Muslims returning from Afghanistan after training and fighting there with the muj. Maybe — the faxes transmitted to foreign offices in Cairo last March came from Peshawar. This suggests that both the ideological and military wings of Egypt's fundamentalist movement have connections with that ancient city of intrigue.

Egypt's government fans such rumors. "We've caught people who told us they got their training in Afghanistan and came back though Sudan," Ibrahim said. "And this came not only through our investigation. When the judges asked them, they confessed the same thing. They said it before the judges."

Well, I've watched these non-Afghan fighters in Pakistan. Quite frankly, I wonder what experience they got with the muj. My impression was that when it came to close-up critical fighting, commanders inside Afghanistan gen-

erally used their own regular people. Foreign volunteers, even the young men press-ganged from refugee camps in Pakistan, got donkey work that could be done long-range. Correct me if I'm wrong.

If their close-up fighting experience was limited, however, they probably did receive massive ideological training. Ibrahim pointed out that this is a decisive factor: "If a man is ready to give his life for an idea like Islam, it is easy to say to him, 'You can now go and give your life for Islam in Egypt, in facing the government in Egypt!'"

"And if their military training in Afghanistan was not so good, we are quite sure that there are camps in Sudan where they get more. How to handle their weapons, how to escape, how to make a false passport. Different training that they need. The level of skill is not always high. But the way they operate they don't need a high level of skill.

"We don't want this bloody confrontation," Ibrahim assured me. "But we have no other alternative. Either there is a state or there is not. We will fight them until we crush them. We have prepared and organized ourselves for a long confrontation."

So have the fundamentalists, and they are improving. Eighteen days after the explosion at the Wadi El-Nil cafe, militants detonated a bomb on the other side of Tahrir Square — under an empty tour bus parked outside the Nile Hilton, right next to Cairo's top tourist destination, the Egyptian Museum.

The Muslim extremists are now poised exactly where they want to be.

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## HUNGRY LIONS

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the use of chemical weapons against the Kurds and the Shi'ites.

Clinton cannot deal with Saddam with a pacifist's slap-slap, shake-shake approach that all disputes are politically negotiable. This was President

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Bush's mistake when he stopped the Gulf ground campaign prematurely at the 100-hour mark instead of going for Saddam's jugular vein with a chain saw. Bush failed to understand how Saddam thinks.

**Saddam Kisses Butt**

"There are some trying to portray the anti-war past of Clinton as a matter of personal weakness, while we consider such a stand a mark of strength," Saddam told U.S. peace activist Ramsey Clark regarding Clinton's opposition to the Vietnam War. Under no circumstances should Clinton be sucked in by any Saddam charm offensive aimed at mending fences with the new guy in the White House.

It doesn't take an Arab scholar to work out that Saddam is an absolute dictator, as mad as a hatter and the grandfather of all broken promises. Wolves in sheep's clothing don't change. It's impossible to have normal relations with such an abnormal leader. Summing up the Kuwaiti view, Dr. Mahmood Y. Abdulraheem noted, "Saddam Hussein is like a disease that must be cut out."

Kuwait hotel manager Greg Almeida, used as an Iraqi-held human shield, said that what Saddam now asks is: "Help me get back on my feet, so I can do it all over again."

Keeping the peace over the long haul will only be possible when Kuwait and its Gulf allies can defend themselves. Kuwait can't remain a deer facing hungry lions, nor can it depend forever on the United States to rush in every time the neighborhood dictator roars, to save Kuwait from being his (or perhaps Iran's, somewhere around the end of the century) next meal.

The grunts of 1st Cav, many of whom are damned mad that they must hold the Kuwaiti troops' hands to help them off their duffs, cynically joke that Kuwait's national anthem is *Onward Christian Soldiers*.

The United States cannot keep troops outposted in the Persian Gulf forever — if we ever get smart enough to be oil-independent, it won't have to. The shrinking structure of the U.S. military, along with dozens more Somalias and Bosnias set to explode during the coming decade, means that the Gulf states must be prepared to at least initially stand alone against an attack.

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soon be stretched to the breaking point like a rubber band, will be all over the globe. Kuwait must work harder to defend itself and hammer out a NATO-like defense agreement with neighboring Gulf states to train and stand together. Only through their own united strength will they keep the peace.

*As America's most decorated living veteran, Col. David Hackworth served 25 years in the U.S. Army and authored the international best seller About Face. Other credits include numerous contributions to Soldier Of Fortune and Newsweek.* ✕

## I WAS THERE

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position, to place fire underneath him. We could hear the console operator over the FM radio: He had trouble getting initial readings, but then his transmissions became a series of "mark," "mark," which indicated positive readings from the detector.

Suddenly, with no radio call or warning, the aircraft disintegrated. The main rotor departed and continued along the flight path, while the fuselage dove straight into the jungle. Initially I couldn't comprehend what happened. My aircraft commander had glanced at the instrument panel, and when he looked up the sniffer was gone. "Where in the hell did it go?" he asked. I replied, "Break right, he's down, they must have gotten hit." Our crew chief said, "I have smoke at five o'clock." A few wisps of smoke could be seen rising through the jungle canopy.

I put minigun fire around the crash site, while the aircraft commander made calls on GUAD (the emergency frequency) for any available ship in the area to bring a recovery crew, adding they would have to rappel into the crash site as there was no LZ. The closest slick was a 4th Division aircraft that said he was on a priority VIP mission and couldn't divert.

Finally one of our company "Ghost Rider" slicks called that he had ropes on board and would stop by Dak To, pick up LRRPs, then join us. By now we were convinced

the sniffer had not been shot down but had probably hit a high tree, nevertheless we continued to put fire into the area. Two LRRPs rappelled in to discover that everyone except for the co-pilot was dead; he died on the trip back to Dak To.

Several weeks later we covered another 4th Division sniffer into a free-fire area east of Kontum. The first two or three runs were pretty quiet, then the operator had a constant stream of "marks" before the pilot started shouting, "I've got elephants on the trail, I'm going to 180 [reverse direction with a 180-degree turn] and take them with the door guns," and simultaneously he banked into a tight turn.

We had been in a good covering position, but his unexpected turn caused us to overshoot and lose position. By the time we got turned around his door guns were working out. Apparently this irritated the elephant people as the sniffer's next radio call was, "Taking fire, I'm going in, going in," just before he smacked into a clearing, tearing the skids off the aircraft. We laid fire around the perimeter of the clearing and requested a recovery ship, which arrived within 10 minutes. The co-pilot and crew chief had taken hits and the aircraft was a basket case. After recovery was completed, we shot-up the elephant trail but didn't get any visible results. Tally for two sniffer missions: five people killed, two wounded, two Hueys destroyed, one WIA elephant trail.

High-technology toys are ego enhancers; they create jobs for defense contractors and are very much in favor with the current generation of general officers, as witnessed by the proliferation of techno-toys on the AH-64 Apache and proposed Comanche. The problem is they are ungodly expensive, frequently unreliable, normally impossible to maintain by a soldier in the field, and contribute virtually nothing to winning the battle. When is the Army going to realize that what the soldier, with the rifle and bayonet who ultimately must occupy the ground, needs to win the war is help from a simple basic gunship that can use its load-carrying capability to bring all the firepower it can pack, and an aggressive ass-kicking crew, to his fight. ✕

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## BATTLE BLADES

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retails with nylon sheath at a very reasonable \$40. This lighter blade lacks some of the cutting ability of the ATC, but it's still capable of parting two 1 1/2-inch manila ropes in one pass. Compared to the Carbon V blade, edge-holding ability and toughness suffer some, but one gets what he pays for. I was told by Cold Steel they have a quantity of ATC blanks in stock and intend to bring the heavier kukri back in the near future.

Around the same time the ATC was introduced, Blackjack Knives (Dept. SOF, 1307 W. Wabash, Effingham IL 62401) countered with a knife they called the RCK (Reinhardt Combat Kukri). Designed by edged-weapon and kukri expert Hank Reinhardt, the RCK has a 13 1/2-inch-long, 3/16-inch-thick convex-ground blade of 400-series stainless steel, a Kraton handle and a heavy nylon scabbard. Blackjack is justly famous for their sharp factory edges and the RCK is no exception. The Reinhardt

kukri performs nearly as well as the ATC on free-hanging manila rope, and the extra 1 1/2-inch of blade length offers some advantage in heavy vines or thorny undergrowth. Like the ATC, the Reinhardt Combat Kukri is now out of production but there are a fair number still in the distribution pipeline. At a retail of around \$190, Blackjack's Reinhardt kukri is worth searching out.

Blackjack replaced the RCK with the BK&T (Becker Knife and Tool) Reinhardt kukri. Using the same 13 1/2-inch blade design as the RCK, the U.S.-made BK&T kukri is constructed of 1/8-inch-thick 440-A stainless stock, sub-zero quenched for toughness. The handle is a Becker design, and the grip scales are made of Esta-Loc synthetic held on by three socket-head machine screws. A heavy leather scabbard is provided for carrying the knife. Suggested retail is around \$50. I've spent considerable time cutting trails and clearing red-alder saplings from our tree farm with the BK&T kukri and have found that it stands up to abuse surprisingly well. Sub-zero quenching seems to be every bit

as effective as Blackjack claims. At 16.6 ounces, the BK&T kukri makes a light, fast blade for chopping and slashing through undergrowth.

Comparing these four knives, I would suggest that the heavier ATC and Blackjack/Reinhardt are best suited for use by those who expect to cut a lot of solid wood, as for shelter poles, raft logs, LZ obstructions, fuel and the like. On the other hand, the Cold Steel LTC and BK&T kukri make ideal trail and soft-vegetation clearing knives. Either pair will handle the other's role if called upon, and all four would make effective close-combat knives.

While the kukri may not be suited to all tactical situations, it is ideally suited as a compact military chopping tool and weapon. When combined with a design better-suited to Western users and made from modern materials, this legendary knife becomes a real winner for the modern soldier.

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# SHOOT AND SCOOT

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off the electricity and water, and are trying to prevent food from getting in, hoping to break the resistance of the inhabitants. The populace is now being forced to boil sewage for drinking water. The Serbs make a mockery of U.N. forces, closing the airport and stopping convoys whenever they feel like it. And all this while American and European political "leaders" bicker over whose fault and whose responsibility the war is and issue statements condemning the actions of just about everyone. It's enough to make a grown man weep with frustration — or maybe take a rifle and go shoot a Chetnik.

### "Do Something About Those Snipers ..."

Peering at the nearby hillside from the shadows of a blasted office in the parliament building, I recalled a comment made by a petite English female journalist in the Holiday Inn the previous day. In a state of outrage and high dudgeon she had demanded that the Bosnians ... "Do something about those

snipers. Why don't you go out there with land mines or Molotov cocktails or something and just blow them up?" Obviously not a military specialist — few press people are, even in Bosnia — but I had to wonder if she knew the difference between an aircraft carrier and a foxhole. She was only going to be in Bosnia four or five days, and then she was going back and tell her readers "the truth about the war." Lucky readers. I've spent just over two months in the former Yugoslavia in the last two years, and I think only now am I finally starting to understand the situation, even some of the nuances.

As we started down the hundreds of steps from our viewpoint, we heard a single rifleman firing outside and went cautiously to a window. We could see his rounds impacting, one every 10 seconds, on a red tile roof about 50 yards away and considerably below us. The Serb fired 10 rounds at the tiles from his hide perhaps 200 meters away, and then stopped. I wondered what he was doing: He wasn't sighting in, as every shot hit the same place. He wasn't trying to kill anyone, since the house he was shooting was clearly abandoned. Maybe he just liked to make noise, or maybe he was bored

and hoping to draw some counterfire. Given the state of the Balkans, it could well be that his great-grandfather had some complaint against the great-grandfather of the tile manufacturer. People are dying over there every day, for less reason than that.

*Major Robert C. MacKenzie is Soldier of Fortune's contributing editor for unconventional operations.*

# NAVY SEALS

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The current chief recruiter at NSWC, Senior Chief Boatswain's Mate Don Gracio, recalled his own experience: "My older brother John spent 22 years in the teams. I had heard about Hell Week since I was 12 years old, and I thought I had some idea about what to expect. However, never in my wildest dreams did I think it would be 10 times harder than what I imagined."

Trying to describe Hell Week is "like trying to describe a severe burn to someone who doesn't understand heat," according to Gracio, and this is as close a description as I've yet heard.

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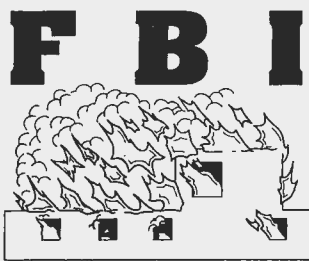
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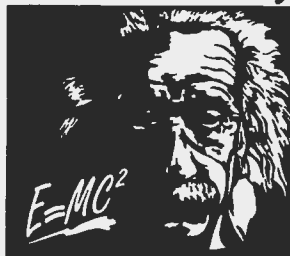
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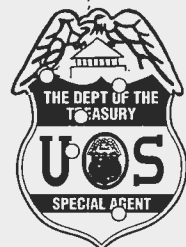


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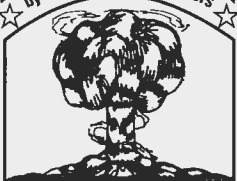


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Former SEAL Warrant Officer Don Boles went through training in an East Coast winter class back in 1960. Asked what he found most difficult about training, he responded: "The mind games — the instructors leading you to believe that the next 200 yards were the last and then running you for another couple miles, or complimenting us on how well we did a night problem, then making us do it all over again at 0200."

Boles also has less-than-happy memories of January and February's wind, ice and cold water in Little Creek. My classes at Little Creek were in summer; while my fellow trainees and I paid our own price during the sweltering tidewater summer, I take my hat off to the 20 or so classes that underwent what we referred to as "Hell Week at Little Creek" during winter months. I can't think of anything worse than having to cope with the cold along with Bernie Waddell, Dave Casey, Tom Blais, Bob Gallagher and several other legendary hard-nosed East Coast UDT instructors.

One common attitude developed by trainees as a result of Hell Week is a belief that they can almost literally do anything. This belief is at the core of

the SEAL ethos and accounts for, among other things, three Medal of Honor awards and numerous Navy Crosses, Silver Stars and lesser citations earned by SEALs in Vietnam. (This belief also accounts, perhaps, for the fact that SEALs sometimes bite off more than they can chew!)

Most SEAL trainees, when asked what they think is the hardest part of training, will immediately reply, "Hell Week." A recent BUD/S graduate, Petty Officer Kelly, noted, "... it was the long hours without sleep." Petty Officer Murphy, once a tall young man, cited, "carrying those rubber boats. I think I lost three inches in height!" Trainees carry 350-pound rubber boats on their heads throughout Hell Week; tall guys definitely get the short end of the stick, so to speak.

However, other graduates remember times more difficult than Hell Week. Two SEALs, Seaman McKiernan and Seaman Lynn, insist Mount Laguna, where classes undergo training in long-range patrolling, map-reading and land navigation, was the toughest part.

McKiernan: "... because of the walking, dehydration and always having to think. If you didn't think, you were lost."

Lynn: "... always having to think while you were battling terrain. At least in Hell Week we were told what to do. At Mount Laguna it was all up to us."

Petty Officer Washington had the hardest time in "pool competency," during which time trainees are introduced to everything that can go wrong when using scuba: "The first time [he had his air cut off] I passed out and I was very apprehensive about the second part."

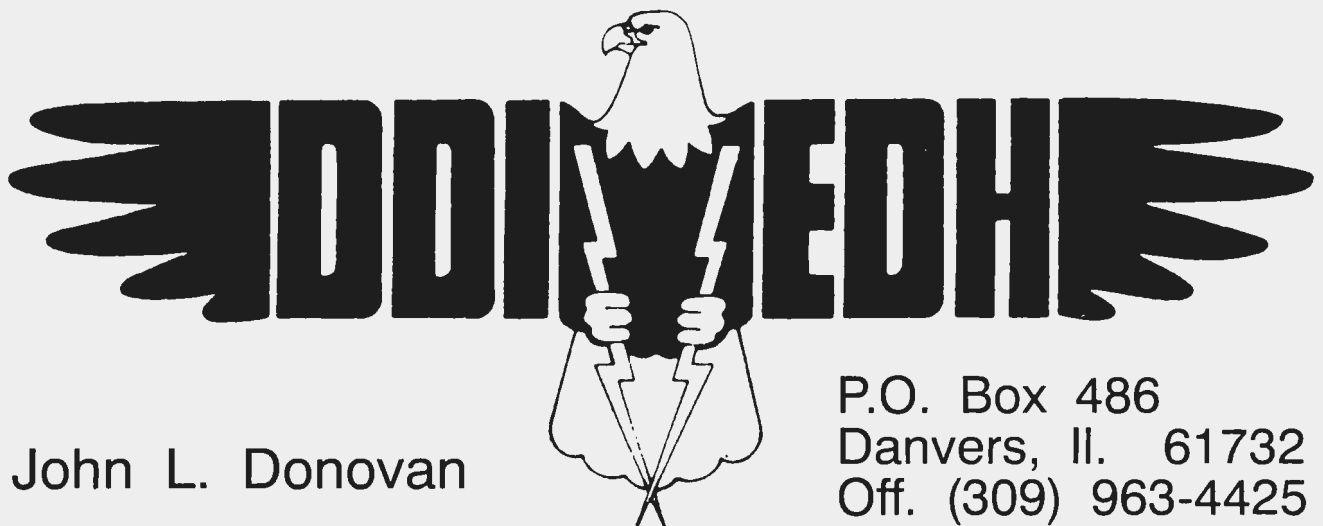
"It was the long, cold swims that were hardest for me," recalled Seaman Lana.

### Vicious Itinerary

Many's the time I've been asked, "What's a typical day like in BUD/S?" Of course, any trainee will tell you that any day in BUD/S is worse than the worst day anywhere else ("The Only Easy Day Was Yesterday" is, after all, the school motto). However, a typical non-Hell Week training day runs something like this:

0430	Reveille
0530	Muster for PT
0530-0700	PT and run
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Substitute "demolition field exercise" for "small-arms training," "obstacle course" or "five-mile beach run" for "open ocean swim," "dive tower orientation" for "classroom instruction," or any combination of other variables and you have a "typical" day at BUD/S, if there is such a thing.

It should be made clear, however, that the multitude of skills taught in the program makes each day unlike any other. For example, one day the emphasis might be on conducting operations from small, fast boats, while the next day might see the class rappelling down a rock face.

Let's use the "typical" day outlined above to illustrate the intensity of physi-

cal activity during the 32 weeks of BUD/S. As you can guess, morning PT is something more than a brisk constitutional.

Here's how a 15th-week PT might go: After 50 or 60 jumping jacks (or some variation thereof), the instructor will usually lead the formation in 10 minutes or so of stretching and twisting exercises. These are followed by another 40 minutes of activity such as push-ups (anywhere from 100 to 300 or more, done in increments of 40 to 50 per set), "chase the rabbit," eight-count body builders, bent-leg sit-ups, "hello darlings," flutter kicks and pull-ups (the average trainee can do more than 20 pull-ups by the end of training, with some able to knock out more than 40). Other exercises might include the 20-foot rope climb, specialized abdominal routines, "dive-bomber" push-ups, deep knee-bends and neck-tougheners.

After this modest "warm-up," the duty PT instructor, usually aided by one or more of his peers, leads the class on a beach run of anywhere from 2 to 6 miles. The formal PT session doesn't end the day's physical activity, however; at various times the class will negotiate the infamous SEAL ob-

stacle course, do a timed open-ocean or bay swim, or have a timed four-mile run. The intensity of PT is maintained at a high level for the entire 32 weeks and trainees are expected to show consistent improvement in times, repetitions and endurance. Failure to improve sufficiently results in the trainee being disenrolled from BUD/S.

### Into Action

Then at the end of week 32 comes that glorious event called Graduation Day, which has to rank as the top emotional experience in the life of a young man who has endured the trauma of BUD/S. While graduation is truly a significant accomplishment for the new SEALs, their training has just begun, because (sometimes literally) the next day they fly off to Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia, where they qualify as basic parachutists.

When they return to their new team assignments aboard the amphibious bases in Norfolk, Virginia, or Coronado, they enter an arduous (in some respects more so than BUD/S) six-month training cycle, during which they build on the basic skills acquired during BUD/S. Only after completing this cycle are the "new guys" considered

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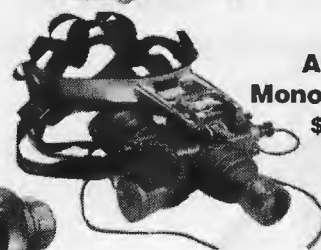
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*Captain Larry Bailey, U.S.N. (Ret.), spent 28 years in the Navy, 27 of those as a SEAL, including three years in Scotland, two years in Panama, two years in Bolivia and three years as CO of NSWC. He is now an independent writer and consultant on military affairs.*

**FOOTNOTE:** Those desiring to learn more about the history of the SEALs are invited to visit the UDT/SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida, located on one of the actual training beaches used by World War II's NCDUs, UDTs, Scouts and Raiders. On display are relics and equipment from three wars and numerous shorter conflicts. SOF highly recommends this visit. The museum's curator, retired SEAL Senior Chief Jim Watson, gives a great guided tour. ✕

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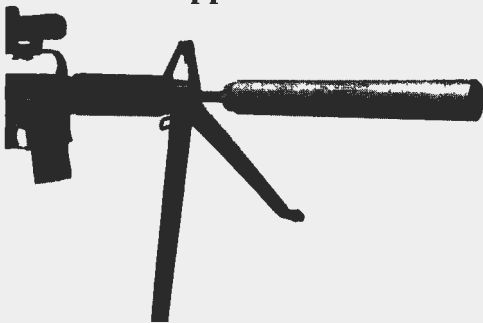
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enjoy listening to stories of anal conquests, then *you* need sensitivity training; *he's* normal. If *you* don't want to raise your family next door to a male married couple, check *your* attitude or move off-base; *they're* normal.

Senior officers are now marshaling their arguments against lifting the ban. Among them:

- The current military is not "gay friendly," and it is estimated that less than 1% of the force is homosexual. Lifting the ban will make the military an attractive place for those attracted to the same sex.

- Two-thirds of all AIDS cases are directly attributable to homosexual conduct. The military offers "infection to grave" AIDS care, and this will be another incentive for homosexuals to join. Unfortunately, military medicine is already strained to near the limit.

- The military has an "on the hoof" combat blood bank. When the agents of AIDS bust the ban, what happens to the Army's portable blood supply?

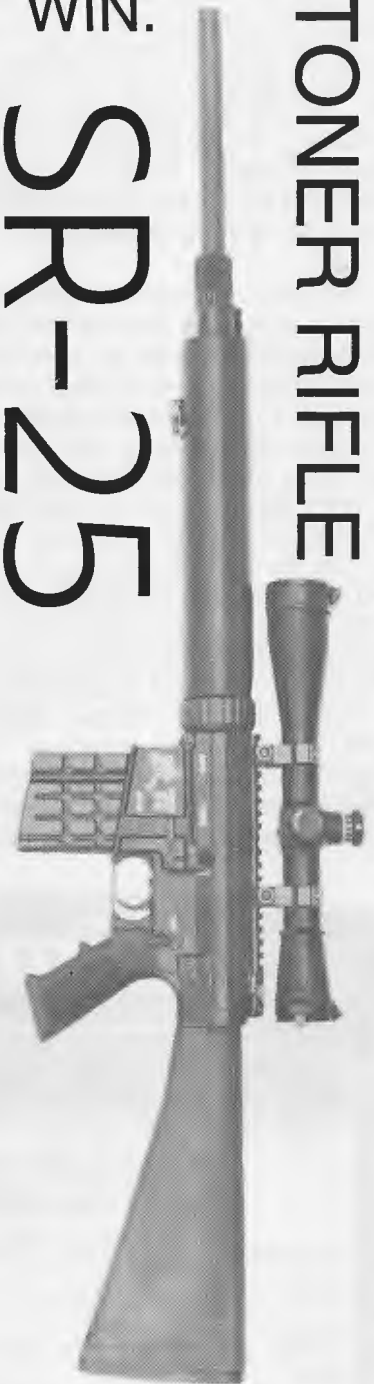
- Homosexuals are prone to have other problems. Studies indicate between 25% and 30% are alcoholics and homosexual men are six times more likely to have attempted suicide. In a survey of homosexuals conducted by the American Public Health Association, 78% of respondents reported having had a sexually related illness.

- Homosexuals are apt to be sexually compulsive. The Kinsey Institute reported that 43% of homosexual men have had sex with more than 500 partners (50 times the average), and more than half of their partners were strangers. Another study revealed that the fear of AIDS has only reduced the average number of different partners in San Francisco homosexuals from 76 to 47 per year.

These are valid arguments, but at troop level the concern is personal. The real bottom line: Most soldiers don't want to shack up with homosexuals. We don't want Twinkle-Buns in our showers, in our tents, in our formations, or on the top bunks. We don't want Queer Nation enlisting on the buddy system. We want the few homosexuals that snuck in to behave or ship-out.

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morale? It's *already* bad for morale. Read the letter sections of the military journals. Then read "Disband the Marine Corps" in the January issue of the *Marine Corps Gazette*, in which a Marine officer writes, "It would be better to disband the Corps than to see it dishonored and its virtues and values destroyed." A soldier asked me, "Is there any place that's like the United States used to be? Is there anywhere to go?"

No.

There's only one America. Its classic age was championed by flack-jacket knights with muddy boots. I'm not leaving the Army because I no longer love America. I'm leaving because my family obviously needs me more than my country and because my definition of "normal" won't change. Me and people like me stood up bravely and we changed the world. The Wall and The Curtain came down. End of mission. Others are now changing the world: Unnatural is good and if it works, tinker until it breaks. Maybe after the military regains its equilibrium, "It'll be better than before." Maybe. But not on my time. Time for my children. Time to go.

*Lieutenant Colonel R. B. Anderson was patrol team leader with Charlie Rangers (the first in Vietnam) and served again in Vietnam as an infantry squad leader in the Air Cav, for a total of 19 months of combat. Since his commission in 1974, he's held a variety of command and staff positions. The uniform he will soon hang up bears a Bronze Star with Valor Device, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab and Special Forces Tab. ✕*

so they decided to talk.

The ITN producer sat down with the HVO commander at a meeting hosted by the Lancers. The HVO explained that they would happily return the vehicle, now that they knew to whom it belonged, but that they would have to be "reimbursed for recovery expenses and repairs" necessary to make the Rover operational. These repairs consisted of breaking the door locks, hot-wiring the ignition and welding on a machine-gun mount.

A sum was agreed on and the Rover was delivered, sans machine gun and with about a dozen new bullet strikes; there were also a few spent .50-caliber shell cases and belt links inside. The last time I saw that Rover, it was in Split, Croatia, on its way back to England, and from there perhaps to Northern Ireland, where it's safe.

*Chuck Fremont, a former Special Forces soldier, has spent several months as a journalist in Croatia and Bosnia since the Balkan war began in 1991. He is currently working on a book on the conflict. For more on this topic, see accompanying sidebar "Armed and Armored Press."*

## ARMORED BRIGADE

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The Brits ended up having to withdraw, because they couldn't get clearance from UNPROFOR for further action.

The Lancers weren't happy about having knives pulled on their officers, and word circulated to the HVO that the next time they saw the Rover, they would blow it away. The Croats knew the Rover's light armor was no match for a Rarden gun,

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Unique among past and present wars is the widespread use of armored vehicles by journalists in Bosnia. Combatants on all sides of the conflict perceive the media as being biased toward the other side. No longer considered neutral observers by combatants, press people have been deliberately targeted and killed in greater numbers than in past wars.

Ease of access also explains, in part, the growing numbers of steel and Kevlar-clad civilian vehicles in Bosnia. Unlike Africa, Cambodia or Afghanistan, where roads are scarce and gasoline scarcer, Bosnia has a comparatively well-developed infrastructure. Drivable — in some cases barely — roads and availability of fuel make it possible to drive to newsworthy locations. But those locations often resemble free-fire zones.

In Bosnia, therefore, the well-equipped journalist will have body

armor and a Kevlar helmet in addition to the usual cameras, notebooks and tape recorders, and he will be riding in an armored vehicle.

During our last visit to Croatia and Bosnia, Colonel Brown and I had a chance to observe this "press armor" in use. The accompanying photos tell the story of this interesting footnote to war better than words.

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— R. MacKenzie

## COMMAND GUIDANCE

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can embassies, the murder of American nationals on numerous occasions, the taking of American hostages, were acts of freelance terrorists rather than deliberate attacks on the United States by foreign powers.

The justification for maintaining this fiction has been that in the broader struggle with the Soviet Union, winning the hearts and minds of Arabs and Persians was more important than the lives of a few Americans. The bigger prize was the Middle East, and if the twilight struggle for it involved some civilian casualties, then the game was worth the candle. A decent regard for Arab and Iranian opinion was considered more important than retaliating for their terrorist excesses.

No one ever said the game of nations was nice, but the folks who run the State Department seem to have overlooked two facts recently: 1) The broader struggle with the Soviet Union has been won, and

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2) Middle Eastern terrorists have continued to target Americans, even though the United States and the Soviet Union are no longer contending for influence in the region.

But if Saddam Hussein and/or the Iranian theocracy are attempting wholesale murder in the United States, then it's time to get rid of them, regardless of their geo-political usefulness — even if it means sending an expeditionary force back to the Gulf. And it is better to do it before their surrogates bring down an office tower rather than after. ✕

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## WACO

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The attorney general said they had “hard evidence of recent beatings of the children within a week before the April 19th attack,” Zimmermann recalled. “I challenge the FBI and I challenge Reno to come forward with the evidence that there had been recent beatings, because Dick DeGuerin and I were in there within the final two weeks and we didn't see

any evidence of that at all.

“Both of us are fathers,” Zimmermann noted. “We were looking for the physical evidence of the murder allegations that we were to defend. But the children were in those rooms and we saw most of them. We talked to some of them. You could tell by the way they were dressed and the way they were — you could tell they were well-fed, they were clean and they were well-adjusted. They smiled, they talked to us ... nobody shrank back from us.”

DeGuerin reviewed the 28 February ATF assault for *SOF*: “The first gunshot was fired at David Koresh's head — and missed — by an ATF agent who was charging.” Koresh “was at the front window. He saw these two cattle trailers behind pickup trucks roaring down the driveway at break-neck speed. You can imagine what these poor jerks in the back of the trailers were doing, trying to hold on for dear life, scared shitless.

“And then the backs open up and the men start screaming out of there, screaming at the top of their lungs. Not screaming ‘We're the ATF. This is a raid.’ Just screaming. So Koresh

stepped out on the porch, held up his hand and said ‘Wait. Go back. There are women and children in here. Let's talk about this.’ That was confirmed by a number of people who heard him say that.

“The next thing is, a bullet hits right by his head,” DeGuerin continued. “And then a fusillade of bullets was fired. There was the first one, a pause and then a fusillade of bullets.”

Zimmermann was adamant that the ATF's version — with Koresh smiling at agents through a partially opened door, then closing it as a signal for shooters inside to open fire — is a lie. “People have said to me, ‘Can you believe the Davidians? How do you know?’ Let me tell you what I saw,” Zimmermann said. “I saw the two front doors, hollow metal doors, peppered with holes. How could they have gotten there?”

“If you believe the ATF, that they walk out and say ‘Federal agents, we have a search warrant,’ and gunfire breaks out from the windows around them — totally opposite of what the Branch Davidians say happened — why would they be shooting at the front door? What would cause that front door

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to be peppered with holes like that? Nobody is going to open the door and stick a rifle out if they've already begun a gunfight." Zimmermann also pointed out that the holes in the door stood in mute contradiction to claims by ATF that its agents observed a restricted-fire discipline and only fired at identifiable targets.

Even while arguing that ATF fired the first rounds, Zimmermann gave its agents the benefit of the doubt by speculating that the opening shot was accidental, one in a long list of tactical errors: "I'm supposing that they had a signal to start firing. Like any military assault, they have a signal to open fire. They had to have some signal to know when to start. David Koresh and Steve Schneider thought that, based on some media report that an ATF agent has given a statement which said as he came out of the truck ... he either tripped or someone hit his weapon and it accidentally discharged."

This confirms what *SOF* heard within hours of the raid from a source close to ATF. (See "Gun Gestapo's Day of Infamy," *SOF* June '93.) "That is what most people I have talked to think caused the first round to be fired,"

Zimmermann added. "When you have a unit that is about to attack, you have to have some way to initiate fire if you're going to have control.

One way, Zimmermann said, is to "blow a whistle. Another way, pop some kind of illuminating device. But more likely than not, it is to open fire ... After the first round, [the Davidians] said it was only a matter of seconds, then all the fire started at one time. Like all 98 guys heard the first-round signal to open fire, and they started to open fire.

"Dick [DeGuerin] and I were so eager to get into the courtroom because the physical evidence supported what the Branch Davidians said happened. Why would that front door be peppered with gunfire if it didn't start the way the Davidians said it did? Isn't it more logical that the first guy has an accidental discharge, everyone else confuses it as the signal to open fire and the last person they saw was Koresh when he slammed the door shut and they opened fire at the front door?"

"Look at what the pattern is for the rounds that impacted on the second floor," Zimmermann continued. "That's where the women and chil-

dren were. And the ATF agents knew that. They had an operative in there — they had several operatives in there for weeks and the Branch Davidians knew they were ATF agents. They were trying to convert them ... now, why were the ATF agents shooting into the second floor, where they knew women and children were? They killed one woman while she was sleeping."

Sheila Martin and Catherine Matteson said they were both fired on initially after glancing out the upstairs' windows to see what the front-yard ruckus was about. Several nearby children were hit by flying glass.

*SOF* was also able to confirm that one victim of the initial assault, Jaydean Wendel, had just finished nursing her 11-month-old baby. Another woman took the infant from her to put in a crib. Wendell dozed off and was killed in her sleep by a bullet piercing her skull. One witness told *SOF* that the fatal bullet came through the ceiling, apparently fired from one of three government helicopters flying overhead.

"Steve Schneider said that the first rounds that were fired at all — the first time that they had any warning that anything was going to happen — were

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from helicopters,” Zimmermann said. “I think it was a situation almost happening simultaneously. There were five people killed [inside the building] in the morning.”

Another church member, Mike Schroeder, was killed by ATF agents as he tried to enter the compound on the afternoon of 28 February. Of the five Branch Davidians killed during the initial ATF raid, at least three were unarmed: Perry Jones, Peter Gent and Jaydean Wendel.

“There was another fellow who was killed on the top floor ... shot through the ceiling, hit while he was sitting on a bed,” Zimmermann noted. “Another fellow told us he was down in the caf-



**Vietnam veteran Jack Zimmermann glances over *SOF* in his Houston law office. It was Zimmermann who figured out that the government’s supposedly “independent” arson investigator has had a long and cozy relationship with ATF, even attending the funeral of one of the agents slain at Mount Carmel.**

eteria and rounds came through the ceiling.” Was it possible that these rounds were fired downward by ATF agents on the compound roof?

“We talked to the Texas Rangers,” Zimmermann recalled. “This was before the fire. The Texas Rangers told us there was no one standing on top of that [watchtower] roof during the raid. We saw the holes in the ceiling. Dick and I have investigated enough murder cases ... and I’ve fired enough rifles. These were exit holes coming down through the ceiling.

“On April 4th,” Zimmermann went on, “Wayne Martin told me, ‘I tried to get some help out here ... I called 911 while they were shooting at us.’ I cautioned him to be truthful, because these 911 calls are recorded. So months later,

the 911 tape comes up and, guess what? Wayne Martin’s on there, and what else do you hear? Here’s Steve Schneider in the background.

“I recognized Schneider’s voice, he has that Wisconsin accent. And he’s saying, bigger than life, ‘Here comes the helicopters again, they’re firing again.’ That was done in the first two minutes of the attack. You think they were that smart and clever, that they would invent this in anticipation of something coming out months later? I don’t think so.”

Another Davidian, an Australian named Peter Gent, was shot by a member of the ATF’s sniper team, which provided suppression fire from inside the farmhouse across the road from Koresh’s driveway, the same house in which ATF’s unconvincing undercover agents had been living.

DeGuerin recounted how witnesses reported Gent was working, unarmed, in the water tower. “He was scraping the sides of the tank. There was very little or no water in it. He heard all the noise, came up and stuck his head out to see what was going on and he was shot through the head. He fell within the water tower onto a platform.

“The people on the inside knew he was up there. They couldn’t go get him. They finally got permission to go get him and bury him, and they did. He was just shot dead. There were a couple of others that were unarmed when they were shot. The ATF was shooting indiscriminately.”

Actually, the fire of some ATF shooters was deliberately aimed. This was confirmed by an *SOF* source long familiar with various federal law enforcement sniper teams. This source was privy to a phone call wherein the leader of the ATF sniper team called the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center near Brunswick, Georgia, and told an ATF instructor there how the team members believed they had killed six or seven Davidians during the first hour of the raid. Most disturb-

ing, however, was the team leader’s admission that three Davidians had been unarmed when shot.

Another Branch Davidian survivor who asked not to be named acknowledged that some people inside began to return fire: “People were running around everywhere, asking if anybody had any guns. Nobody had any handy. Most of what we had was new, still in the box. A lot of what we had had been carted off that morning to a gun show in Austin. The first guns that we broke out had no mags. We had a hard time for the first few minutes. We thought we were going to die, that they were coming in to shoot everybody.”

Dick DeGuerin on the 19 April inferno: “I think the tanks were the cause of it. Whether it was a lantern being knocked over, or a propane bottle, or the CS ... spontaneously ignited.”

Citing several military experts with whom he has conferred on the CS riot-control agent, Zimmermann said only one of the three types of CS is non-incendiary. Because it is not really a gas, but a finely powdered particulate that suspends in the air, all three types of CS can spontaneously ignite if occurring in a high-enough concentration in a confined space that is exposed to open flame, in much the same way as grain dust in a silo or coal dust in a mine will sometimes ignite.

Attorney General Reno’s claim that only non-pyrotechnic CS was used is not true, Zimmermann asserted: “One of the falsehoods by the Department of Justice right after the fire was ‘we didn’t put [pyrotechnic] canisters in there because we didn’t want to run the risk of starting a fire’... the survivors told us there was popping going off all over the place as these canisters exploded on the inside, and that they were injected with such force — they were cylindrical and pointed on the front end — that they pierced the Sheetrock walls.”

Was the fire deliberately set by the feds? “I’m not ready to say that,” DeGuerin said. “I don’t have any evidence to support it. I heard a rumor that six or eight specially trained [men] were sent in to shoot people ... when you look at some of the wounds, they were not suicide wounds. Not typical suicide wounds.

“David Koresh — front entry — it went in just over his left eyebrow and came out over his right ear. He was right-handed. His left hand

was disabled by a bullet wound to his left wrist. He had limited motion; he couldn't have shot himself with his left hand.

He couldn't have gripped tight enough to shoot himself. Possibly he could have worked the trigger ... with his thumb of his right hand ... or twisted his arm around and worked the trigger — but it's not likely. That's not the typical gunshot suicide wound. A typical suicide wound is through the roof of the mouth or the side of the head matching a victim's dominant hand."

Despite repeated requests by DeGuerin for a copy of the medical examiner's report on Koresh, the dead man's lawyer only received a copy after sending a doctor to the laboratory to demand it. "They never agreed to it," DeGuerin said. "The rest of the forensics [on Koresh] have not been supplied to us. The medical examiner's office has not given the other reports, lab tests and so forth to independent pathologists. I've written them several times. I've never received an answer."

DeGuerin thinks the fix is definitely on; that a full-scale cover-up is in progress. The ATF's Waco raid "was a combination of wanting to make a good show for themselves ... for favorable publicity," he said. "I don't think that they thought they were going to get resistance. They thought they'd have a nice little training exercise out in the country and [that] they had a bunch of religious nuts out there that were going to scream and fall down whenever the guys in the Darth Vader outfits jumped out of the trucks.

"The ATF is a large, federal bureaucracy. Congress seems to go whichever way the wind blows and they look at this as do most people in the country — that a bunch of nuts got what they deserved. So those who would ordinarily investigate don't care too much about this ... they don't want to associate themselves with defending someone the general public doesn't understand. The ATF, of course, has their whole existence at stake. They're going to cover it up."

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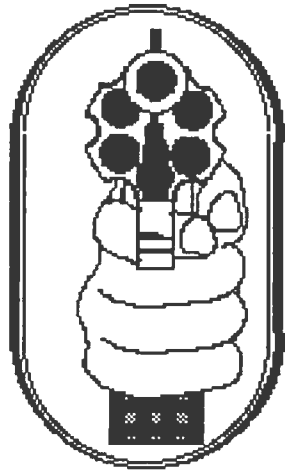
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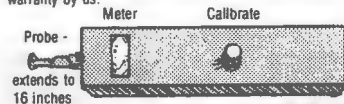
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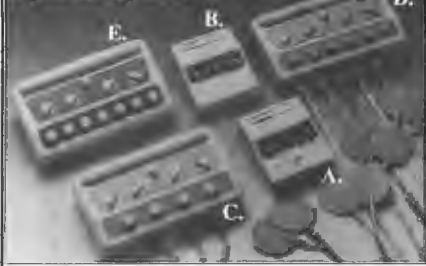
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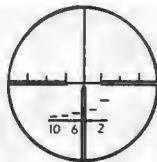


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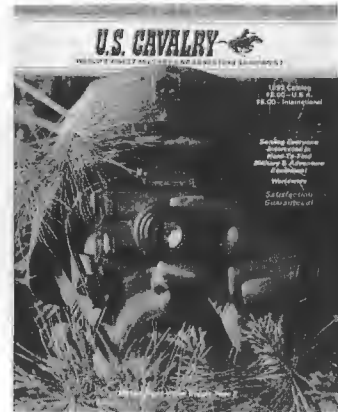
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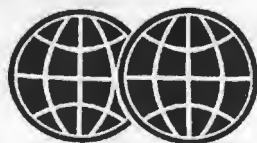
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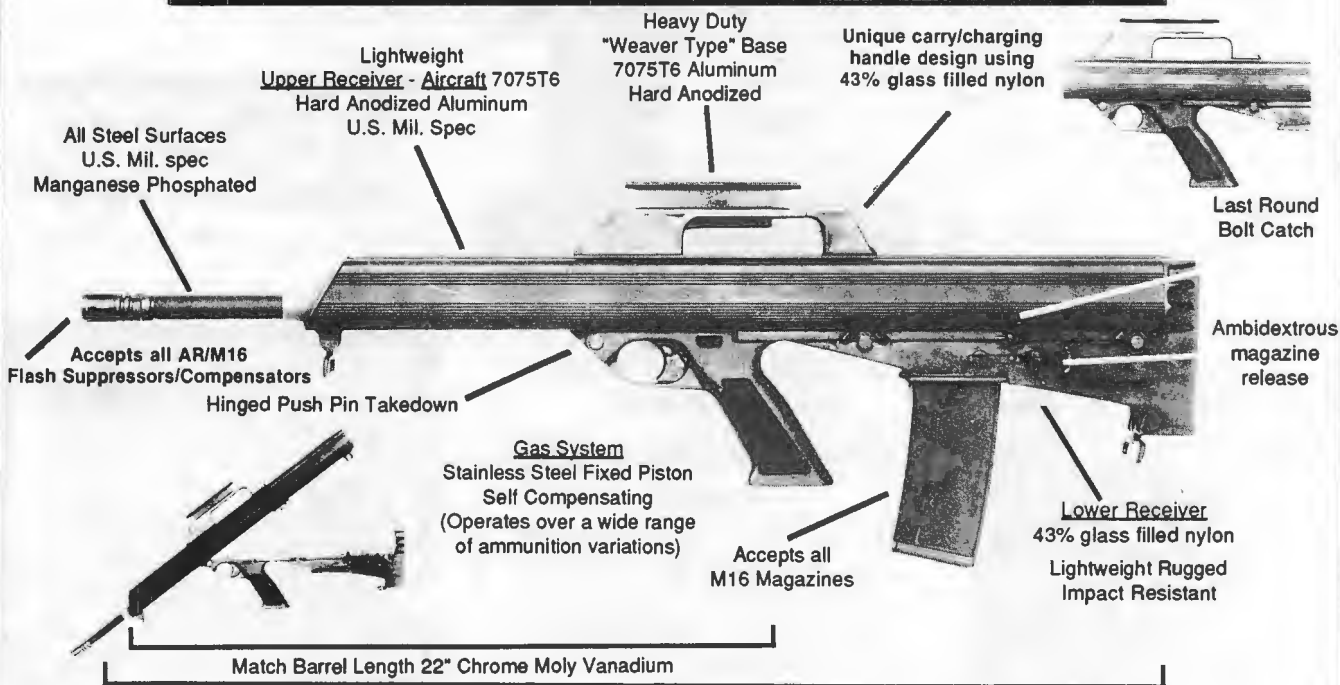
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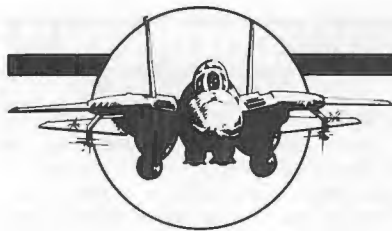
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By Lt. Col. R.B. Anderson

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Maybe it's time to go anyway. Multiple staff tours, the end of national purpose, and a decrease in organizational testosterone make me feel like yesterday's lover. When I enlisted in "This Man's Army," the military was the most masculine occupation. I was in a hurry to join, in fear the war might end before I had a chance to cover myself in glory. I discovered gore not glory, but I did fulfill the need to prove my bravery. Manly men performing brave deeds — part of the Male Myth? Perhaps. But nations rise and fall on myths, ideas, and greed. Who can say which is which? A politician's ambition often becomes a foot-soldier's patriotism. Fools like me keep the rest of society free.

The world and the Army have changed many times since I enlisted. On my watch, we drafted McNamara's 100,000 undraftables, lost a war, became an all-volunteer force, won several adventures, endured a draw-down, opened our ranks to women, enjoyed a build-up, and are re-experiencing draw-down. The Army is changing — but the Army has always been changing.

The problem now, for people like me, is that the armed forces are undergoing a different, more profound transformation. Society is continuing down the path of "liberated evolution" and the military, the last bastion of traditional principles, is being forced to follow. Decimating our ranks isn't enough: Those who remain must change. In the language of our critics, our values suck. Those of us unwilling to undergo character correction, should closet our beliefs or make way for those who will.

OK. I'm leaving. While transvestites hold hands and slow dance at the O'Club, I'll tell buddy stories at the Legion. Buddies make the Army. Real men do love each other. But the "human glue" that makes cohesive combat units is Philos, not Eros. We have already learned (but won't openly admit) that physical passion among individual soldiers sabotages the spiritual passion of group elan. Physical union equals group disunity. As we become more enlightened, maybe we'll develop



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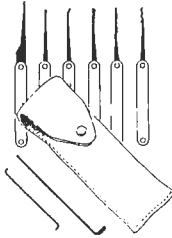
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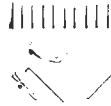
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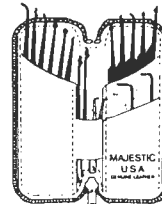
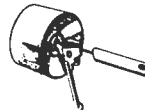


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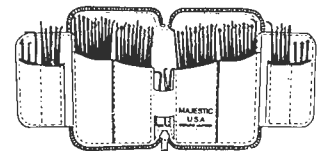
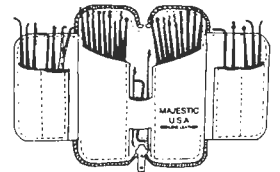
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